

5,000 MAY BE DEAD IN DAYTON---STATE TROOPS CALLED OUT; HUNDREDS DIE IN OTHER OHIO CITIES--CLEVELAND IN DANGER

OHIO DEATH ROLL CLIMBING AS FLOOD SWEEPS TOWNS

Over Score of Cities, Partially Wrecked By Water and Fire, Add to Quota of Dead—Loss Many Millions.

BY PLAIN DEALER'S LEASED WIRE.

COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—Over a score of Ohio cities and towns devastated and many of them in darkness, with the dead, dying and injured strewn in the wreckage or floating on the dirty waters, the property loss mounting into millions and the crest not yet reached, the greatest flood in its history, is being written in the annals of Ohio tonight.

The toll of lives probably will not be definitely known for several days, and may never be. But that scores, possibly hundreds, were killed outside Dayton, where the greatest loss of life was recorded, is certain.

The cities believed to have suffered the greatest loss of life after Dayton are Piqua, Miami county, and Hamilton, Butler county. The Hydraulic, a great dam at Piqua, is reported to have gone out suddenly, flooding the entire city. It is reported several hundred were drowned, one message placing the figures at 540. But this cannot be confirmed.

The levee at Hamilton is said to have gone out, inundating that city. Reports from several sources place the death list there at many hundreds, but no accurate statement has been received here. One message says 1,000 were killed. The last definite report directly from Hamilton, early tonight, reported eleven dead. Reservoir floods Miami Valley.

Late tonight a long distance telephone message from Bellefontaine to Gov. Cox said that early this afternoon the main dam at Lewistown burst its banks at a point between Lakeview and Russell's point, releasing water that raced down the Great Miami valley like a tidal wave. It was this vast quantity of water added to that already in the river that seems to have overthrown the cities of Troy, Piqua and Sidney. It is considered certain the loss of life in the valley swept by such a wave would run into the hundreds.

At the suggestion of Gov. Cox a bill was drawn tonight and is to be presented to the legislature tomorrow morning by Representative Lowrie, appropriating \$250,000 for relief of the flood sufferers of the state. Gov. Cox tonight sent out appeals for aid to the governors of all the border states of Ohio, including Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky. Tents and provisions are badly needed according to the governor's appeal.

Gov. Cox late tonight issued an order directing Brig. Gen. John C. Speaks to call out the entire Ohio National Guard tomorrow morning for duty in the flood swept district. The troops will entrain in their respective cities early tomorrow and after that will be subject to the further orders of Gen. Speaks and Adj. Gen. Wood, who will assign them to locations according to the gravity of the situation.

Middletown Reports Fifteen Missing.

Fifteen are missing in Middletown, where 200 houses are under water and their former occupants were seeking shelter in the school houses, churches and city buildings. The Great Miami river is one mile wide at that point. The great bridge over the Miami at Middletown went out at 2 o'clock. Scores of houses can be seen floating down the stream. The water and electric light plants are out of commission.

At least 10,000 persons are homeless in Columbus, thousands of dollars worth of property has been destroyed, and the west side of the city is cut off tonight from the remainder of the city as the result of the flood from the Scioto and Olentangy rivers.

The bridges across the Scioto river at Town-st and State-st were swept out this afternoon and the Broad-st bridge, the last connecting link between the east and west sections, went out late tonight.

Railroad trains and interurban cars into Columbus have ceased running and local street cars have been completely abandoned because of the flooding of power houses. Railroad tracks and bridges have been washed out and nearly all telephone and telegraph wires are down.

The Scioto river is rising above Columbus at the rate of three-tenths of a foot an hour. Weather Forecaster Smith said that the river will continue to rise all night.

The two big state institutions on the hill to the west side of Columbus, the hospital for the insane and the asylum for feeble minded youth are filled to overflowing with the refugees.

Thrilling rescues were made. One boat picked up a mother and her daughter from the second story of a dwelling house only a few minutes after the woman's two babies had been borne off in the swirl of waters. Other rescues of women and children were as spectacular.

With no immediate relief in sight from the ever-growing flood, Columbus tonight was powerless to either aid its own sufferers or answer the frantic pleas for relief that came to Gov. Cox from all near-by parts of the state where war communication still remains unbroken.

Workmen Separated From Families.

Water fills the streets of the West End of Columbus in depth, varying from fourteen to six feet. Hundreds who worked in the business sections found themselves unable to reach their homes on the West Side. Telephone communication is practically destroyed and these people were frantic in their utter inability to either say anything or get word to their families.

The water of Buckeye lake, a pleasure resort east of this city, are rising so rapidly that it is believed the banks will have to be cut to save the thousands of acres of land in that section. Many cottages have been flooded, and the residents are all moving out.

If the banks are cut it means great danger to Newark, as the South Fork river receives all the overflow water from the lake, and flows in a narrow valley to Newark.

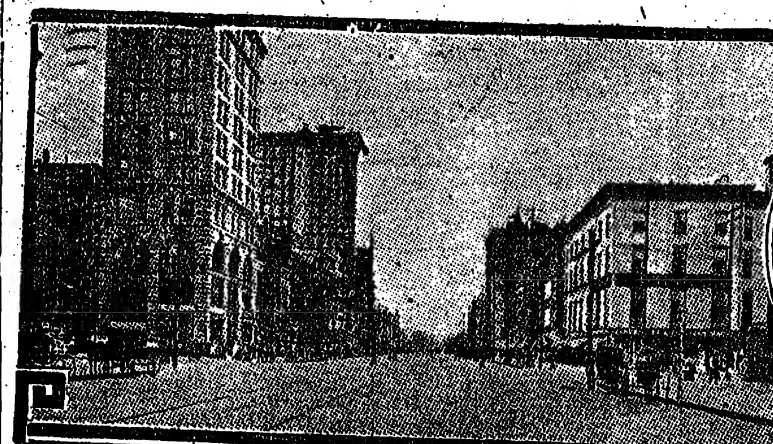
Fires have been burning all day on the West Side. Early in the day two large storage depots were flooded and the sleeping time burned the buildings. Later the Columbus Hat & Glove plant on the river bank caught fire and burned with three other buildings. A big church, far out in the flood is burning tonight.

The penitentiary basements were flooded early this morning and 1,500 prisoners were moved to the second tier of cells. This afternoon, as the waters rose, they were moved still higher. The prison tonight is surrounded by high water, but reports are that all is well save the flood.

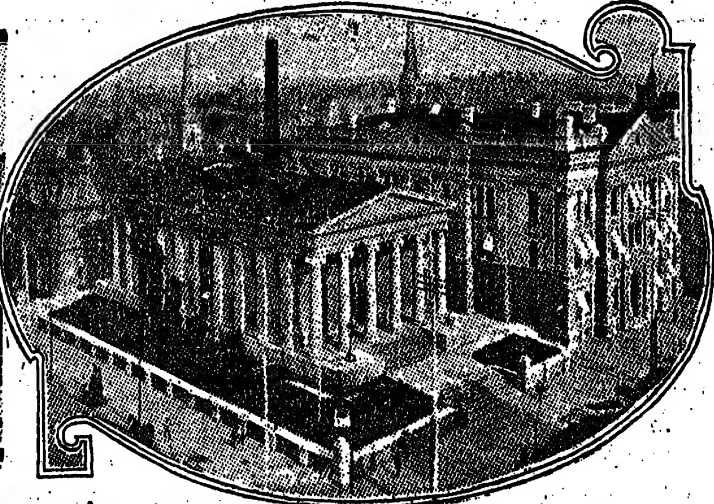
The electric light plant at the prison went out early this morning and the place tonight is dark save for candles and lanterns. The state house, which gets its power from the prison plant, has been without light all day. Tonight the governor's office and that of the adjutant general are lighted with lanterns.

Nine companies of the Ohio national guard have been on duty all

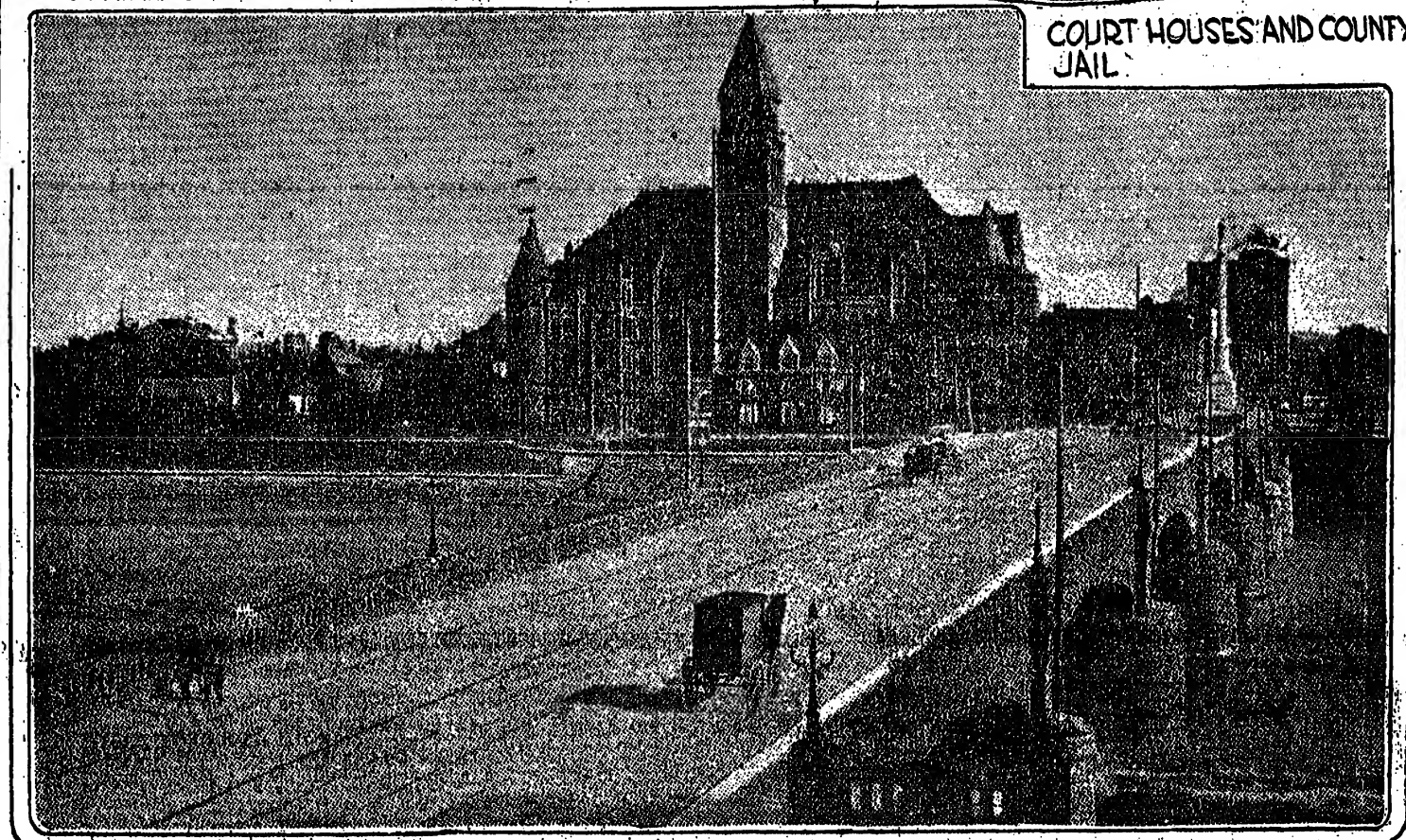
SCENES IN DAYTON WHERE THOUSANDS ARE REPORTED DEAD



LOOKING SOUTH ON MAIN ST. DAYTON, O.



COURT HOUSES AND COUNTY JAIL.



MAIN ST. BRIDGE AND STEELE HIGH SCHOOL

SECOND FLOOD THREATENS TO INCREASE DAMAGE HERE

Swept by one flood that devastated the Cuyahoga valley yesterday, Cleveland this morning is threatened with another and possibly greater sweep of the river which cuts through the center of the city.

Before midnight, when some feeling of relief began to be manifest, the steady rain was renewed. Almost simultaneously, there came reports from Akron that canal locks had been dynamited and other reports from Kent that a weakened dam momentarily was expected to give way, starting another deluge of water toward Cleveland.

The river through Cleveland, which had been receding through the evening, began to rise again about midnight. Reports from Mantua and other points up the river told of rapidly rising water resulting from the dynamiting at Akron. River men see in these latest developments a stage of water today even higher than the thirty-foot stage of yesterday.

Swollen by the rain throughout northeastern Ohio, which began Sunday and continued almost without cessation, the Cuyahoga yesterday overflowed its banks through Cleveland, tore the steamer William H. Mack loose from its moorings, lodged it against the lower W. 3d-st bridge, which finally collapsed into the river, endangering hundreds of lives, which were saved only after many thrilling rescues, and caused property losses probably aggregating greatly in excess of \$1,000,000.

Dynamite Seven Akron Locks.

Akron authorities became alarmed by the accumulating waters in the big canal reservoirs south of that city and the torrent pouring down the canal bed through the center of the city. In despair they blew out seven locks, extending south from the W. Market-st bridge. That city is left without electric light or power and street car service.

The dam at Kent, constructed of concrete and stone, is 200 feet wide. It has been partly rebuilt twice. W. S. Kent, owner, says the dam cannot hold out much longer. Much water is already flowing over the top.

Located in the center of Kent, the rush of water if the dam gives way will be terrific. The water will carry with it paper mills at Monroe Falls, three miles below Kent, where a small dam is considered sure to give way if the larger one above lets go. Thirty families were rescued from their homes at Kent yesterday.

The B. & O. railroad has a long stretch of track under water at Kent and many wash-outs are reported on the W. & L. E.

LATEST STORM NEWS

BULLETIN.

Unverified reports from flood swept cities in Ohio and Indiana show the following losses of life:

OHIO—Dayton 5,000, Piqua (rumored) 540, Delaware 50 to 100, Sidney 25 to 50, Middletown 13 to 20, Hamilton 12, Tippicanoe City 3 to 5, scattering 16. Total Ohio, about 5,175.

INDIANA—Peru 200 to 500, Newcastle 3, Lafayette 2, Noblesville 2, Frankfort 1, Ft. Wayne 1, Rushville 1. Total Indiana, 210 to 500.

HOMELESS are estimated to number upward of 100,000. PROPERTY DAMAGE is roughly estimated to total \$25,000,000 or more.

Orders have been received for the immediate mobilization of every National Guard organization in Cleveland. Commanders of the Fifth infantry, Troop A cavalry, naval reserves, engineers' battalion and the auxiliary organizations are included in the instructions to proceed at once to Dayton, Sidney and Piqua. Every member of the National Guard is directed to report at once at his armory. Transportation arrangements are being made for trains to leave this morning.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 26.—Two hundred lives have been lost in the Wabash river flood at Peru, Ind.

This was confirmed early this morning when Gov. Rajston talked over long distance telephone to Frank Butler, an attorney at Peru. Butler said 100 coffins at least were needed; that the other bodies had been washed away. The survivors are greatly in need of food and clothing.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 26.—More than 100 families were made homeless and inestimable property damage was wrought when the rising Wabash river broke through the levee north of this city tonight and submerged a portion of the residence district in the north part of town.

ZANESVILLE, O., March 26.—At midnight the levee along Licking river broke with a crash and inundated about 600 homes. Four hundred homes in other sections of the city are surrounded by raging torrents. Hundreds are being taken out of second-story windows.

CINCINNATI, March 26.—The mayor of Middletown telephoned here this morning for help. He estimates the dead in his city at fifty.

Mayor Baker, early this morning, announced that Cleveland would do all in its power to aid the victims in Dayton and other sections of the state more stricken than Cleveland. The mayor had just finished a final tour of the district along the river. He declared:

"This is the most serious Cleveland flood situation within my memory. Cleveland has its own problems to solve, but they will not interfere with our giving every possible assistance to other sections of the state."

DEATH RIDES THROUGH CITY ON CREST OF ANGRY FLOOD

Takes Victims by Thousands in Streets of Town Where Fire Follows Raging Water That Buries Many Buildings.

BULLETIN.

DAYTON, O., March 26.—There are numerous unconfirmed reports of men shooting their families and committing suicide when they saw escape was impossible.

The wind changed at 3 o'clock this morning and the fire on Vine-st flamed anew, adding a new menace.

DAYTON, O., March 26—2:30 a. m.—The crest of the flood passed at midnight. Since then the water has been going down a half inch an hour.

STAFF SPECIAL.

COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—Dayton's flood death list may reach 5,000.

That is the figure given tonight by Mayor Phillips when he put through to the mayor of Springfield a telephone message asking help. It was the first direct word out of Dayton today.

The city is in the midst of a sea of swirling muddy water. The finest residences and business blocks are swamped, but were not washed away. Apparently there was little opportunity for escape.

Hospital Reported Washed Away.

St. Elizabeth's hospital, with 600 patients, was reported to have been washed away. The building was known to be in many feet of water and indications are that the report may prove true.

The electric light plants were put out of business early in the day and total darkness, coupled with a torrential downpour, added to the horrors of the night.

Famine also became an immediate possibility. All supply and grocery houses are in the submerged district and tonight it was said there was not enough bread to last the survivors another day.

John H. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register Co., who headed the relief work in the south end of the city, sent out an appeal for food supplies and for physicians and medicine. Tonight 3,000 homeless were housed in the cash register office.

Thousands of those who were fortunate enough to have escaped the first rush of the waters are being fed tonight on short rations.

Three train loads of foodstuffs have arrived from Xenia, but as yet there has been no chance to deliver them and suffering from hunger as well as exposure is bound to occur within the next few hours.

A fire which started from an explosion in the Meyers Ice Cream Co., near Wyoming-st, spread and burned the block on South Park, a block from Wyoming. Another big fire is reported to have burned a downtown block.

Danger of Fever Lurks in Water.

The breaking of the Tarenton reservoir, which supplies the drinking water, left the city without water, and physicians declared there was great danger of typhoid in the use of the flood water.

The flood came soon after daylight this morning after the residents had spent last night in terror.

The main levee of the Big Miami broke at Webster-st at about 8 o'clock. An hour later the water was through in a dozen places and a wall of it ten feet high swept through the main street. Just above the junction of the Big Miami and the Mad rivers, and where the Stillwater river pours into the Miami the flood reached its height and rolled into the business section, a wall twenty feet high. The flood rose to the second floor of the Algonquin hotel and all along Main-st occupants were driven to the third floors. What has happened to them since no one outside can tell.

House looting began early in the night and while the local National Guard companies are on duty, they are wholly incapable of handling the situation.

Incidents without number are narrated of persons in the flooded district waving handkerchiefs or otherwise signaling for aid being swept away before the eyes of watchers.

Rescue Boats Smashed by Obstacles.

Many of the rescue boats were swept by the current against what had been fire plugs, trees and houses. They were crushed. How many died in this way no one knows tonight. What life exists in the district, which the water covers is in constant danger and helpless until the flood subsides.

There are no boats in Dayton which can breast the current, and people early gave up any attempts to reach the business section.

How many houses have been swept away, and how many occupants were carried to their deaths can not be learned until the waters recede. At Wyoming-st, on the South Side, where the National Cash Register Co. centered its efforts at rescue, many saved their lives by creeping on a telephone cable, 100 feet above the flood. At first linemen crept along the cable, carrying ropes to which the flat bottomed boats were attached. When the flood became so fierce that the boats no longer were able to make way against it, men and women crept along the cables to safety. Others, less daring, saw darkness fall and gave up hope of rescue.

Those willing to risk their lives in the attempt to rescue, found themselves helpless in face of the water.

Children Born in Cash Register Plant.

Seventy thousand of Dayton's population. It is reported are homeless. The National Cash Register plant on a high hill, offers the only haven in the south end. Three women became mothers in the halls of its office building tonight.

Main-st, near Apple, was one of the concentration points. In the woodworking department of the National Cash Register Co. boats were being turned out at the rate of ten an hour and these were rushed to where the waters had crossed Main-st in a sort of gully.

But the waters crept up and the strength of the current was far too strong for the crude punts, though they were the best that could be made in a hurry. Trip after trip was made and hundreds of the refugees were taken from this stretch of houses.

Then came the fire, starting at Vine and Main-sts. It jumped Main-st, and the houses on the other side were, soon aflame.

In the middle of the street were a few frame houses that had been washed from their foundations. These were swirled about for a time in the water, and then cast into the flames.

Persons hurried from their boats, where they had been driven by

STORY OF DELUGE IN OHIO TOWNS BEING TOLD TO WORLD AS WIRES GO UP

made this evening by Gov. Cox after an analysis of the information from the center of the city.

"How many more than that there will be, no one can tell," the governor said.

Reports All in Block Saved.

Word came tonight from John Bell, telephone operator, that the people in the fire swept district were saved. This report did not include the Beekel hotel fire.

"All the women and children who were in the block are removed to safety in the Beaver power building," announced the calm voice of Bell. "There were thirty of them."

Gov. Cox said the building is fireproof and the occupants will remain in safety. Sixteen persons are housed in the Home Telephone building, with a block and tackle rigged as a means of egress if the fire presses them. If the fire threatens either of these buildings during the night a dash will be made for them in boats. Bell said it would be dangerous to attempt a rescue tonight in the swift current.

From his station in the Bell telephone building, Bell could see the lights of a train two blocks away. This was the relief train, which arrived today from Springfield over the Pennsylvania. The raging river intervened. Swollen River Cuts Off News.

The Great Miami river, swollen to a width heretofore unknown and running with a terrific current, barred the way to specific information of the number of dead. While thousands of persons still were marooned in houses and on roofs in the central portion of the town, yet only a few corpses had been recovered and it was believed that in the northern section of the city to which rescuing parties had been unable to penetrate, would be found the greatest life loss.

At 6 o'clock this evening J. H. Miller, secretary of the board of health, estimated that the death list would reach 800. While the flood steadily receded this afternoon the terrific current retarded rescue work and a cold swirling rain added to the discomforts of the already overburdened storm victims.

"Our greatest need is a dozen motorboats and men to run them," a sentence in an appeal sent out by J. H. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register Co., and chairman of the relief committee, gives a good insight into the flood situation. Skiffs and rowboats in ordinary hands cannot live in torrents rushing through the city's principal streets. Expert oarsmen who braved the tide in the business section of the submerged city this afternoon came back nerve-racked to relate narratives of pitiable appeals made to them by hundreds marooned in upper floors of tall buildings about whose lower stories swirled a flood that threatened the structures' foundations.

The dark colors in the narrative were lightened here and there by stories of bravery exhibited by many of the flood prisoners. A woman with three children, marooned in the upper floor of her home on the edge of the business district called the argument:

"Oh, I know you can't take me off," she cried. "But for the love of humanity, please take this loaf of bread and jug of molasses to Sarah Pruyn, down the street; I know she's starving."

"Twice the boatman attempted to take the food, but waves that eddied about the submerged house hurried them back.

Fear North Side Loss is Great.

It is feared the life loss on the north side of the Great Miami river will be large. Slowly rising, overcloud water stood seven feet deep in a large section of the city lying across that river when the rush from the break in the Laramie levee came. There has been no communication with that part of the city since early Tuesday. Opinions differ as to whether persons living there knew the levee had let go before the water everwhomed their homes. The facts obtainable indicate they were not warned in time to prevent life loss.

All the large provision houses in the city are flooded and late this afternoon the smaller stores in the outskirts announced they had sold everything they had. The relief committee, anticipating this, ordered supplies from Cincinnati, which it is expected will arrive tomorrow.

A shortage of provisions was threatened this afternoon, when it was reported many relief trains bound to Dayton from neighboring cities had been stopped by high water. Every grocer in the city had been "sold out" before noon. It was believed that the

The Halle Bros. Co.

A Telephone Suggestion

You might phone this morning for a box of guest-room or traveling soap—twelve round cakes are neatly wrapped, sealed and contained in each box.

The soap is made from pure vegetable oils and is so neutral as to leave the skin free from either alkali or oil. A delicate Highland violet is its scent.

For a box of twelve cakes it is priced at 50c.

Call North 1700 or Erie 93 and give your order to the Telephone Shopper.

Hoover Suction Sweepers

Housecleaning time is the time when the attachments which go with the Hoover Sweepers are most appreciated. Besides cleaning of floors, it is possible to take the dust from mattresses, wall hangings and draperies and the satisfying part is that it requires no muscle and thus causes no fatigue to operate.

It can be had in a choice of three sizes.

Phone for a demonstration.

North 1700.
Erie 93.

The Halle Bros. Co.

Room Size Domestic Rugs

Including Soft Pile Rugs

In the room size rugs there are worsted Royal Wiltons, Karaban Wiltons and Wilton Arabians among others, in patterns reproducing oriental, Morris or modern American designs. The colorings are both light and dark and for the 9x12 foot size they are priced at \$35.00, \$45.00 and \$60.00.

Chintz Brussels Rugs

A new idea has developed the Brussels rug of the past to a thing of beauty. Soft and harmonizing light colorings have been given more character by the use of dainty colored flowers which have been woven in the field or borders of these rugs. These, for the 9x12 foot size, are priced at \$32.75.

Scotch Weave Lanark Rugs

A plain surface rug, alike attractive on each side, is made of German alizerine dyed yarns. It is woven in many of the desired color combinations and for the 9x12 foot size is priced at \$19.50.

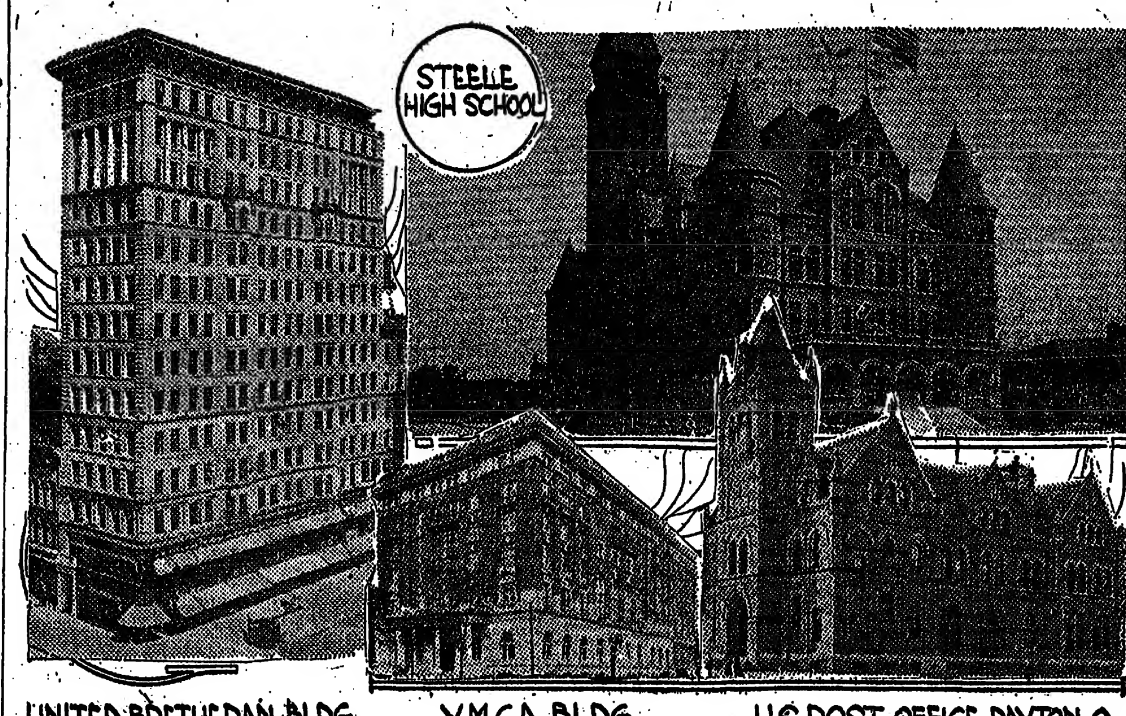
Old Fashioned Rag Rugs

For carpeting bed rooms or any room of the cottage, rag rugs, made from fresh new fabrics and closely woven are both durable and attractive.

They are priced for the 9x12 foot size at \$9.50.

(Sixth Floor)

SCENES IN DAYTON BEFORE THE GREAT FLOOD



STEELE HIGH SCHOOL UNITED BRETHREN BLDG. Y.M.C.A. BLDG. U.S. POST OFFICE DAYTON, O.

OHIO.	
Dayton	2,000
Piqua	540
Delaware	100
Middletown	100
Sidney	50
Hamilton	12
Tippecanoe	3
Tiffin	50
Fremont	11
Scattering	200
Total	3,066
INDIANA.	
Peru	150
Newcastle	3
Lafayette	2
Indianapolis	14
Noblesville	2
Scattering	25
Total	196
Grand Total	3,262

estimates of the flood passed about midnight and the waters have fallen noticeably since then.

High as it is expected the death list will be, there are almost no bodies recovered and practically none of the dead are known.

It was also believed that the greatest loss of life would be along the river in North and West Dayton, where the residents are almost entirely foreign born and where they refused to obey the warning of mill to leave on the night before the levee broke.

Except in few instances where houses are notably unstable, there will be few losses of life in Riverdale or the south and the sections of the waters approaching.

A story of the break of the levee and the onrush of the waters was told by Eddy Vincent, a member of the relief committee, who was located within a few doors of Taylor-st, where the break occurred.

The department watchers fearing being flood bound scolded the first mill structure with the break in the water wall.

"When the horses, which were hitched in record time, reached the street," Vincent said, "we were met by a wall of water which had been torn high. The driver was forced to turn and flee in the opposite direction to save the team and the apparatus."

The break occurred on the left side of the river just before it is joined by the Mad river. The water poured over the left wall into 8th-st, and fifteen minutes later all the principal streets which had heretofore never been flooded in danger were under ten feet of water. Many of the buildings on the right side of the river were so insecure that they left their foundations within an hour.

What had been blocks of thickly populated one and two-story residences occupied mostly by persons of the Latin races were packed into shattering lumber known to contain many bodies.

The inundated district is estimated at more than fifteen square miles, most of which is under from six to fifteen feet of water.

Establish Temporary Morgue.

A morgue was established on the west side of the city this morning, and efforts to cover the bodies and aid the suffering were pushed as rapidly as conditions permitted. Some relief trains arrived this morning.

Forty boats had been requisitioned by the city authorities and are patrolling the city in an effort to save life and property. These craft are manned by volunteers.

In front of the Central Union Telephone office at Dayton the water this morning was still running so swiftly that horses cannot go through it without swimming. The telephone employees in that building have fished chairs, and good horses and a quantity of other floating property from the flood. The debris has been swept down the main business street with such force that every plate and glass has been smashed by floating logs and boxes.

Police officers who are able to get about are swearing in all available men as deputies and charging the expense to the state of Ohio. The available supplies are so slender that 1,000 persons on the north side of the river are already dead. Efforts to learn the conditions of the 2,500 inmates of the Old Soldiers' home on the west side brought a report that the institution was in no danger because of its location on a high hill.

The people in Dayton View, a suburb, are entirely cut off from the main section of the city and do not know what is taking place. Efforts to reach them by bridge or two, all such structures leading into the city have been washed away.

Great disorders prevail. Frank Rabe, chief of the fire department, is believed to have been drowned, and Adjutant General Wood cannot act, as he is marooned. The presence of troops is greatly needed.

George P. Burba, secretary to Gov. Cox, this afternoon wired the governor: "Deaths may run as high as 2,000. Property loss \$10,000,000. River four miles wide. Cannot get anywhere near center of city. Water up to second story of Phillips house. Worst calamity in country since Galveston."

The following order was issued by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., authorizing use of its facilities for relief of the Dayton situation:

"New York, March 26.—Chief test board man, Paries, Phononet, O.: "You can anticipate authorization for any action in use of facilities desirable to relieve the situation or to afford any assistance to authorities of relief committees of different communities, reports of action taken to the relief committee for formal approval. Keep this office informed as fully as possible of all situations and measures of assistance given."

A. Stevenson, General Superintendent of Plants.

Attempts by the relief committee to communicate with the adjutant general at Columbus, were futile for a while because the linemen's test set, which the telephone employe in question was using, was not powerful enough. The nearest regular telephone was nearly a mile north of the point where the two parties met.

Leon A. Smith, one of the relief committee of the relief committee, who had been on duty as deputy justice of the peace with power to enlist other deputies to preserve order, guard against crimes and relieve suffering.

"What we need most," said Mr. Smith, "is food for the living and assistance in recovering and burying the dead before an epidemic sets in."

Farmers have offered the test set to haul toward this city any supplies that can be gotten together and the housewives of the countryside have begun to do what they can.

A woman was marooned on top of a moving van in the middle of Broadway since 10 o'clock yesterday morning. She and two men were attempting to pass the van in the moving van when the vehicle tipped. One of the men was thrown out and drowned, the other got on the horse and, although swept away, is thought to have been rescued. The woman clung to the top of the van.

The offices of the Dayton Journal, which concern also owns the Dayton News, is under water. Big sheds, small houses and smaller buildings drifted past the refugees.

All stores and factories in the main part of the town were flooded to a depth of from eight to ten feet. Numerous residences and smaller buildings have collapsed, but any estimate of the property loss is impossible.

Many stores are being told of heroism of men and women, of suffering of victims, but the death toll is mounting. All are overwhelmed by the death in the swirling waters or their lives were crushed out by falling buildings or flood's debris.

Men sacrificed themselves for their wives and families. Women permitted themselves to be drowned in the waters that their children might be rescued. Today hundreds and hundreds are searching every part of the city for their loved ones. Whether they were drowned or whether their members of their families were drowned or by some chance are marooned on some place of safety.

The chief operator of the Central Union Telephone Co., whose office is on Ludlow-st, near the Algonquin hotel, sat on a chair surrounded by water, working the only way he could command. He was unable to get in communication with anyone in Dayton, but was able to talk to Gov. Cox in Columbus.

Communication was established at intervals with Phononet, the telephone station six miles north of Dayton.

Two employes of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., M. B. Stahl, wire chief here, and C. D. Williamson, wire chief at Phononet, O., by almost unprecedented degree of duty, have kept Dayton in touch with the outside world.

At noon today they had been on duty continuously for thirty-six hours.

A man in a boat advised Telephone Operator Bell at Dayton this morning that a relief meeting was being held there and the people were appealing to the state for help. In response, the governor sent a message which was taken by the telephone operator, handed out of third-story window of the building to the man in the boat and by him taken to the meeting in the Euclid Avenue United Brethren church.

10,000 SUFFERING AT ZANESVILLE, O.

Driven From Homes, Watch Flood Rising as Flames Rage Across River.

City Under Martial Law and Dozen Are Reported Drowned.

ZANESVILLE, O., March 26.—First reports tonight that Zanesville was being completely destroyed were exaggerated. At 11:15 tonight about a dozen people are reported to be drowned, the plant of the Adams Brothers Co. across the river in Putnam, is burning and seven houses adjoining it also are on fire. Ten thousand are homeless here.

One hundred and seventy people including fourteen Clevelanders, are marooned in the Clarendon hotel which because of the fact that it stands on a rise of ground, has remained above the water level.

The water is rising rapidly and has reached 4th and Main-sts. It is expected to go as high as 5th and Main-sts before morning.

The Rogers house, buried in water up to the second floor. The American Encaustic Tile Co., American Woolen Mills Co., Mark Manufacturing Co., Zanesville Malleable Co., and many other factories are completely submerged.

Before noon today the Muskingum river had risen to a higher point than has ever been known here and every bridge except the "Y" bridge has been washed down the stream. The water is pouring over the "Y" bridge several feet deep.

The worst of the flood is in the business section of the city, which is lower than the residential district. The drownings that have occurred happened early this morning. One whole family, names not known, is reported to have been drowned in trying to leave their home in a boat.

Three men attempting a rescue in the downtown district were drowned. The water when their boat tipped and were drowned. Several isolated cases of drowning are reported.

Fully 200 people are housed in a big brewery on top of the hill and all of the churches which are above the water line and public halls of all kinds are being turned into refuges.

quarters tonight martial law and soldiers are everywhere in boats helping those who need assistance.

There would have been a much greater loss of life had it not been for the valley, had it not been for the phone news being sent down the valley that the flood was coming.

babies were drowned, but the woman was rescued, only to die after she reached a hospital.

John Scott, an employe of the National Cash Register Co., ascended a telegraph pole and guided across the wires to safety a large number of persons.

The shock from an explosion which started a fire knocked Scott from the pole. He fell into a tree and tried to get into the window of a house. The house was in the path of the fire and what happened to Scott is not known.

Ten Soldiers Drown.

The water spread out over the city, submerging streets two and two and a half miles from the central part of the city, according to the reports received here. The flood is up to the stories of their homes.

Although a warning had been sounded Monday night of possible flood conditions due to the excessive rains, many were caught unprepared.

Ten members of the militia who were guarding the levees were swept away and drowned. A house was seen floating down the Great Miami, on which a woman crying for help, holding in her arms the apparently unconscious form of a child. The house hit a bridge and went down, woman and child being thrown into the water and drowned.

Linker lost his life while trying to rescue a marooned flood victim. Bodies were seen floating down the main streets, the bodies of dogs, horses and cats were seen on every side.

The chief operator of the Central Union Telephone Co., whose office is on Ludlow-st, near the Algonquin hotel, sat on a chair surrounded by water, working the only way he could command. He was unable to get in communication with anyone in Dayton, but was able to talk to Gov. Cox in Columbus.

Communication was established at intervals with Phononet, the telephone station six miles north of Dayton.

Two employes of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., M. B. Stahl, wire chief here, and C. D. Williamson, wire chief at Phononet, O., by almost unprecedented degree of duty, have kept Dayton in touch with the outside world.

At noon today they had been on duty continuously for thirty-six hours.

A man in a boat advised Telephone Operator Bell at Dayton this morning that a relief meeting was being held there and the people were appealing to the state for help. In response, the governor sent a message which was taken by the telephone operator, handed out of third-story window of the building to the man in the boat and by him taken to the meeting in the Euclid Avenue United Brethren church.

The "pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow" is to be worked for, not discovered. We must start a scheme of savings, and begin a fund for the unemployed. NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO. OF VT. Olmsted Bros. & Co., Adv. Agents, Williamson bldg., Erie 93.

STORM TOLL

IN DAYTON.
Mrs. Lucy Abel, aged 50.
Anton Satchell, grocer.
Mrs. Satchell.
Unidentified woman.
Mrs. Launer, patrolman.
Mrs. Hill, aged 60.
Florence Hill, aged 27.
Viola Bish.
Mrs. Mabel Bish.
Frank Rabe, fire chief.
John Haskins, militiaman.
James Hill, militiaman.
IN LOREAN COUNTY.
George Dike, Toledo, wreck caused by flood.
William Shandlin, Massillon, wreck.
Fred Burr, Massillon, wreck.
IN WAYNE COUNTY.
Frank Erb, Smithville.
IN BARBERTON.
John Neumann.
IN HAMILTON.
N. C. McRoberts, aged 6.
Herman Tieman.
Three unidentified women.
Two unidentified men.
IN COLUMBUS.
William A. Sexton, probation officer.
Edwin M. Satchell.
Albert Gore, mail carrier.
E. M. Haven.
Mrs. Mary Hayes.
Mrs. George Cook and baby.
Mrs. L. H. Mack.
Three Black children.
George Becker.
Mrs. George Becker.
Seven Becker children.
IN DELAWARE.
Frank Melching.
Mrs. Frank Melching, aged 4.
Lewis Melching, aged 4.
Smith.
Three Smith children.
Miss Esther Jones, aged 15.
Miss Helen Dunlap, aged 22.
Mrs. Slosson.
William Slosson.
James Mott, aged 60.
Mrs. Slosson.
Three Slosson children.
Unidentified girl.
Mrs. Milligan.
Milligan child.
IN MANSFIELD.
Fred Kuehl, aged 62.
IN WARREN.
Frank Whitson.
Howard Flood.
IN Tiffin.
Jacob Knecht and family of eight.
George Klingensmith and family of four.
IN TOLEDO.
William S. Gilman.
IN FREMONT.
Frank Zoller.
Edell Allen.
Henry H. Mill.
Flora, life saver.
IN STRETHERS.
Stanley Perwin, boy.
IN PINE FORK.
Barney Deville.

GUARD LUMBER IN LAKE

Police on Beaches Assist in Salvage Work.

From three to five million feet of lumber, washed from piles by the flood in the state, was strung along the lake front from Eustis to Rocky River last night. It was guarded by police-men who patrolled the beach under orders not to let anyone carry away the lumber.

Lumber valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars belonging to half a dozen or more lumber companies in the state was carried away by the flood. None of the lumber dealers last night was willing to make an estimate of the amount of the loss. They said they could not be certain until the water receded sufficiently to give them a chance to count their yards.

As soon as the flood rose, the Cleveland board of lumber dealers, which comprises men from all over the state, decided to assign a guard to one man who would pay the salvage claims and divide the proceeds pro rata among the losing companies.

Early yesterday members of the board of lumber dealers called upon Chief of Police Howe and asked him to help them in recovering their property. They said that they were willing to pay for the salvage if the board's secretary, J. V. O'Brien, was notified. The law allows persons salvaging property from the water a percentage of the value. Proprietors of the boat-houses along the lake front had men out in rowboats all day bringing in the floating lumber.

PHYSICAL CULTURE

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Our wagon in charge of a uniformed attendant will be sent on request.

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Euclid Avenue with Additional Entrance on East Ninth Street

Buffet and Table

Only \$47.00

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It hardly seems possible that substantial oak dining room furniture can be sold at so small a price.

The Buffet is 5 feet long and can be furnished in any desired finish.

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FATAL FIRES RAGE THROUGHOUT FLOODED DAYTON

500 MAY BE DEAD IN PIQUA--ZANESVILLE UNDER WATER--HUNDREDS DIE IN INDIANA

RESERVOIR MENACES CITIES AS OHIO'S DEAD LIST SWELLS

Great Lewistown Lake Threatens to Sweep Miami Valley--250,000 Homeless in State--150 Deaths in Columbus.

COLUMBUS, O., March 26.—Floodswept Ohio, from Lake Erie to the Ohio river and from the Indiana to the Pennsylvania state lines, tonight is dotted with wrecked cities and villages whose desolate thousands see no hope ahead. With the rain still descending, shivering in the cold, homeless and hungry, they hardly take heed of the dead strewn the wreckage or of the bodies being carried downstream.

The toll of death this second day of destruction all over the state still is mounting. It is useless even to attempt to say how many hundreds have lost their lives. The West Side of Columbus alone has added from 100 to 150 to the total.

Besides the capital city at least seven large towns stand in the lead as mourners for the greater number of dead. These are Delaware, Hamilton and Zanesville and the four cities in the Miami valley, Sidney, Piqua, Troy and Miamisburg, which are threatened with annihilation should the immense Lewistown reservoir give way, which it momentarily threatens to do.

Reports early tonight that Zanesville had been wiped out proved untrue. Later messages told of great suffering there, and stated the city was submerged, but not destroyed.

The nation has been appealed to and will aid stricken Ohio. Gov. Cox today telegraphed the war department at Washington asking that 50,000 tents and 100,000 rations be made available for use and distribution by the Ohio National Guard. They will be furnished at once.

Governor Estimates 250,000 Homeless.

Gov. Cox estimates that more than 250,000 people have been rendered homeless. The state is unable to cope with the situation and the governor has called upon the National Red Cross society and adjoining states for aid. The immediate need is for tents and food for the homeless. Every militia company has been ordered to report for duty today and the troops are being sent to the points of greatest emergency. The state commissary department is making every effort to rush supplies to the many points which need them.

The property damage cannot at present be calculated, but will run far into the millions. This includes actual loss by fire and flood and prospective loss where farming lands have been inundated and in many cases washed away. No immediate relief from the flood-bound conditions is in sight.

Tonight a new flood menaces along the great Ohio valley. At Cincinnati a heavy rain is falling, and the Ohio river has risen to the 58-foot level, the highest reached in many years. Unless the rain abates shortly, the river will reach 60 feet by daylight.

This city, appalled at information of conditions in the West Side, is exerting every effort to aid and give assistance to those in distress as a result of the flood. The true condition of the West Side of the Scioto river, with its 40,000 inhabitants, did not become known until this morning, when a fleet of motorboats that had patrolled the flooded district all night reported. All along the courses of the boats the men who heaved the rushing waters to aid the sufferers found men, women and children either on the roofs or the second floors of their homes. Requests for food and drinking water were heard on every hand.

See Scores of Bodies Float Down Scioto.

Mount Carmel hospital, in the center of the flood, was crowded to the doors with refugees, and the hospital is in need of supplies. West Siders estimate that the death toll will reach nearly 150. They tell of seeing scores of bodies floating by in the swirling waters. All night their cries for help could be heard throughout the district, as houses were swept on the crest of the flood.

Several companies of the Ohio National Guard and hundreds of volunteer emergency police are assisting the authorities in the rescue work and in preserving order. Ambulance stations have been established in various parts of the city in the vicinity of the flooded district to take care of the stricken people.

All available state departments were thrown open to refugees and thousands of dollars have been raised to care for them. A bill was introduced and passed in the legislature today as an emergency measure providing that \$250,000 be appropriated for the relief of the flood sufferers.

The street car system is operating under crippled conditions and many lines are not running at all. The failure of the water supply is most keenly felt and the state department of health together with the city health department have made preparations to cope with any situation which may arise from this cause.

The Mound-st bridge over the Scioto went out tonight and Rich-st bridge, the only one left, is in danger. Cleveland engineers, O. N. G., will be brought here to put in a pontoon bridge when the water goes down.

Panic Follows Report Reservoir Bursts.

A wild panic was caused in this city late today when patrol wagons dashed through ill-lit streets warning people to flee for their lives. The police had received a report that the great storage dam which furnishes the capital with its water supply had broken and was sweeping down upon the city billions of gallons of water.

In the downtown district and throughout the city the wildest scenes of excitement were enacted. It was not for a long time afterwards that the report was corrected. Then every available automobile patrol wagon was ordered out and sent over the main section of the East Side and throughout the business district reassuring the people, many thousands of whom had fled in the stampede.

Narrowing rules are heard of families who spent the night in a drenching rain in tree tops or on the roofs of their flooded homes. Many of those marooned in tree tops are believed to have been worn out from cold and fatigue and to have dropped to death in the flood below. Thrilling rescue stories are reported with numbers as are also unavailing efforts to rescue persons seen to be drifting by in the ruins of their homes or on chance driftwood.

The death toll was swelled by scores when it was reported here today that the village of Stratford, five miles south of Delaware, has been wiped out, and the total population of 100 have been drowned.

Recover Fourteen Bodies at Delaware.

In stricken Delaware the bodies of fourteen persons had been recovered tonight, and as many more are missing from their wrecked homes as the



The Deluge.

FUND GROWS; SOLDIERS GO

Cleveland Responds to Call for Money to Aid Flood Sufferers of Ohio.

Fifth Infantry Will Try to Reach Dayton Via Toledo.

Cleveland, flood-swept itself, responded yesterday when stricken Dayton sent out its appeal for aid.

Religious and civic organizations joined hands in soliciting help for those in danger or trouble, and before midnight, men in charge of the relief, were assured of substantial sums which will be forwarded without delay to the suffering city.

Meanwhile members of the Fifth Infantry, O. N. G., who had been gathered in Cleveland, as in other northern Ohio towns throughout the day, were entraining for Dayton and other cities in the flood district where they will aid in the work of rescue, restore order and patrol the ruins of what Monday were thriving cities.

The battalion of Engineers, O. N. G., boarded the cars and part of the Fifth Infantry was assembled here to go with the Cleveland guardsmen. The naval reserves of the U. S. S. Dorothea were called from their homes, and Capt. Hans J. Hansen marshaled his life saving crew and prepared to depart for the flooded district.

Put Boats on Train.

By early evening all the various corps of relief men completed their arrangements. At midnight portions of the two train sections were made up.

The engineers, the naval reserves, with their life-saving equipment and two boats, and the companies of the Fifth Infantry were given places in the first section.

The Fifth regiment, Capt. Hansen's life-saving crew, with its boat and fifteen rowboats obtained from parks

WORD COMES MANY SAVED

Messages Received by Plain Dealer for Those Asking of Friends and Kin.

Zanesville and Findlay Are Reached, but Not Dayton.

Efforts of the Plain Dealer in behalf of anxious Clevelanders to forward inquiries for friends or kin into the flooded Ohio districts—there were hundreds of such inquiries yesterday—last night began to yield results, although there was not, nor is there yet, any sure way of communicating with the stricken cities.

Spasmodic telegraph flashes from one or two of the cities—most of them were cut off entirely—and long distance telephone connection with two towns that lasted fifteen minutes, then was shut off again, brought tidings of a number of persons, safe and sound, for whom inquiry had been made to the Plain Dealer.

The Plain Dealer is doing all it can to get word to the flooded cities. But nothing definite can be guaranteed people who inquire.

Telegraph, telephone and train facilities never before in the history of Ohio were in such condition. Inquiries are blocked at every turn.

Every Effort is Made.

Until such time as wire service is resumed and until Plain Dealer men get into the cities, answers to inquiries will depend on methods similar to those employed last night. Every effort will be expended by this news paper in pushing inquiries through.

In the late evening the Plain Dealer finally managed to get in touch with Zanesville, O. It was the first direct report obtained from there, and the voice of a Clevelander there, S. S. Silit, over the telephone declared stories of conditions in Zanesville had been exaggerated. He gave news of a number of Cleveland people who, with him, were stranded in the city.

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INDIANA FLOOD KILLS SCORES

Many Perish at Peru and Other Towns Add to the Death Toll.

Wabash River Swollen and Demolishes Bridges and Homes.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 26.—Anywhere from fifty to 300 lives have been lost by the Wabash river flood in Peru, Ind.

Twenty are believed to have been drowned in West Indianapolis and forty in Brooksville, in the southeastern part of the state. It is also reported that the villages of Metamora, Cedar Grove and New Trenton were destroyed. These villages were south of Brooksville. Loss of life at other points throughout the state is believed to be immense. Every hour brings further reports of deaths.

A message late today from Peru says the property loss there will be \$2,500,000. The citizens have formed a vigilance committee to shoot looters on sight.

The only dead so far identified are Mrs. Rose Whittle and Mrs. Elsie Smith.

Call for More Help.

The only communication with Peru today was over a feeble telephone line. The rescuers, who had entered the city with the greatest difficulty, reported that much food,

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BULLETINS

DAYTON, O., March 27—4 a. m.—The fire in the business section is still burning fiercely. The advance of the flames seems to have changed in general direction from northwest to straight west. Efforts to ascertain if buildings housing refugees have burned are unavailable. It is impossible to come within a mile of the blaze.

At 1:30 this morning state guardsmen shot and killed a man attempting to loot a residence on W. 5th-st.

LIMA, O., March 26.—That at least 500 people lost their lives in the flood at Piqua and that fifty were drowned at Troy was reported by C. C. Moore, telephone inspector of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, who returned to this city tonight after viewing the situation in both cities. Moore said Piqua refugees had been without food for a day and a half.

COLUMBUS, O., March 26.—Operator Bell, who has been furnishing Gov. Cox with information as to Dayton conditions, telephoned late tonight the fire had revived and that he had to abandon his post.

COLUMBUS, March 26.—Advices from Lewistown say the dike holding Lewistown, reservoir has worn down to a thickness of only nine feet. The telephone operator is working in four feet of water.

COLUMBUS, O., March 26.—A member of a West Side rescue party late tonight reported a score or more were trapped and drowned at the altar in the Avondale U. B. church, Avondale-av and W. State.

SHARON, Pa., March 26.—Eight people are dead, 2,000 homeless and over \$1,250,000 damage was done here today when the Shenango river overflowed and inundated over 200 acres of the city and the immediate neighborhood.

Reports from the harbor master last night showed the Cuyahoga river to be slowly rising after a drop of 72 inches during the day. A rise of six and one-half inches was recorded between 10 p. m. and 2 a. m. at the Standard Oil Co., Jefferson-st. At 2 a. m. snow began to fall.

BOIL WATER, SAYS DR. FORD.

Fearing that the Cuyahoga river flood has carried contaminated water far out to the intake, Secretary C. E. Ford of the board of health yesterday issued a "boil the water" warning to the public.

Health Officer Martin Friedrith believes that the flood may carry water from the river out to the intake and suggested that if an oily taste is detected in the water supply the water should be boiled. In Dr. Ford's opinion, although no immediate danger from typhoid is apparent, the people should boil the water at this time in order to be on the safe side.

FLOOD'S DEATH LIST GROWS AS FLAMES ADD TO HORROR

Fatalities Believed to Have Mounted Higher in Dayton by Burning of Refugee Filled Buildings.

ESCAPE FLOOD IN DAYTON

CHICAGO, March 26.—The first list of persons known to have survived the Dayton flood was received at the offices of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. here tonight. The list includes persons marooned in the Y. M. C. A. building and Algonquin hotel. The names of others also in these buildings had not been ascertained.

In the Y. M. C. A. building—Hendricks. In the Algonquin hotel—Edward Nahan, W. H. Eelen, Weichenburger, M. O. Southwork, F. E. Corbet, H. B. Gorresant, C. B. Parker, Edward F. Fox, Q. J. Roskosh, Roy J. Ochofox, M. J. Patterson, H. M. Clark and Kirk.

COLUMBUS, O., March 26.—Dayton's flood death list was increased tonight and today by five.

Latest estimates of the number of dead place the figures anywhere between 1,000 and 2,000.

Flames, fed by broken gas mains, have burned buildings to the water's edge and Dayton has had no means of fighting the fire.

That the fire had destroyed the Beekel hotel, where there were supposed to be more than 200 flood refugees, was the consensus of opinion of scores of watchers on the top of the National Cash Register building, nearly two miles from the scene of the flames.

Can't Get Near Burning Buildings.

Investigation of the fire at close range was an utter impossibility. More than a mile of flood water intervened between the point where the staunchest boats dared to venture into the area of flames.

Whether the refugees supposed to have been in the hotel escaped is only a matter of conjecture.

The fire, which started late this afternoon, seemed early this evening to be dying, but late tonight the wind veered and the flames were given a fresh start.

The rain has ceased and the aid it gave in quenching the flames is thus lost. The temperature has been falling rapidly since 9 o'clock and fears are expressed that it will reach freezing before morning.

Fire Probably Adds to Death Roll.

It is feared the fire today added to the death list, for the downtown buildings through which the fire swept were crowded with refugees who had fled to the upper stories from the floods in the streets.

Reports have been telephoned here from Piqua that men and women were seen running across the roofs of buildings to escape the fire. It is reported too that a number of persons jumped into the water to escape the fire. This report appears to have been confirmed in the case of the Russel apartments on 3d-st. National Guardsmen took people off houses on 2d-st in the exclusive residential district.

Troy reports, over a telephone wire, that Piqua is on fire and that the flames of the fire are plainly visible at Troy. Piqua reported a heavy death loss which has up to tonight been unconfirmed.

Gov. Cox has asked the Associated Press to notify its West Virginia correspondents to get into touch with natural gas companies that supply Dayton with gas and ask them to shut off the supply in Dayton.

Exploding Tank Starts Fire.

The fire is reported to have started with the explosion of an oil tank containing hundreds of gallons, which bumped into a submerged building near Fourth and Jefferson-sts.

A message from the Western Union operator at Woolf Creek, O., says: "Every hour or so explosions occur in Dayton due to fires. The conditions are frightful and indescribable."

Maj. Smith, in command of the reserve state National Guard, has declared the city of Dayton under martial law. The militiamen have a number of boats, and rafts are being constructed in order to reach the business center of the city. The temperature is falling rapidly and the indications are that snow will fall before daylight, adding to the sufferings of the refugees.

At 4:30 o'clock this afternoon Gov. Cox received a telephone message from Dayton that the Fourth National bank building had burned down. Among the concerns reported destroyed by fire is the Rike-Kumler dry goods store. The destruction of this property is not confirmed.

Wholesale Liquor District Threatened.

When this word was received by the governor the fire was about to reach the wholesale liquor district, and fear was expressed that that section would burn as if the flames were fed with gasoline.

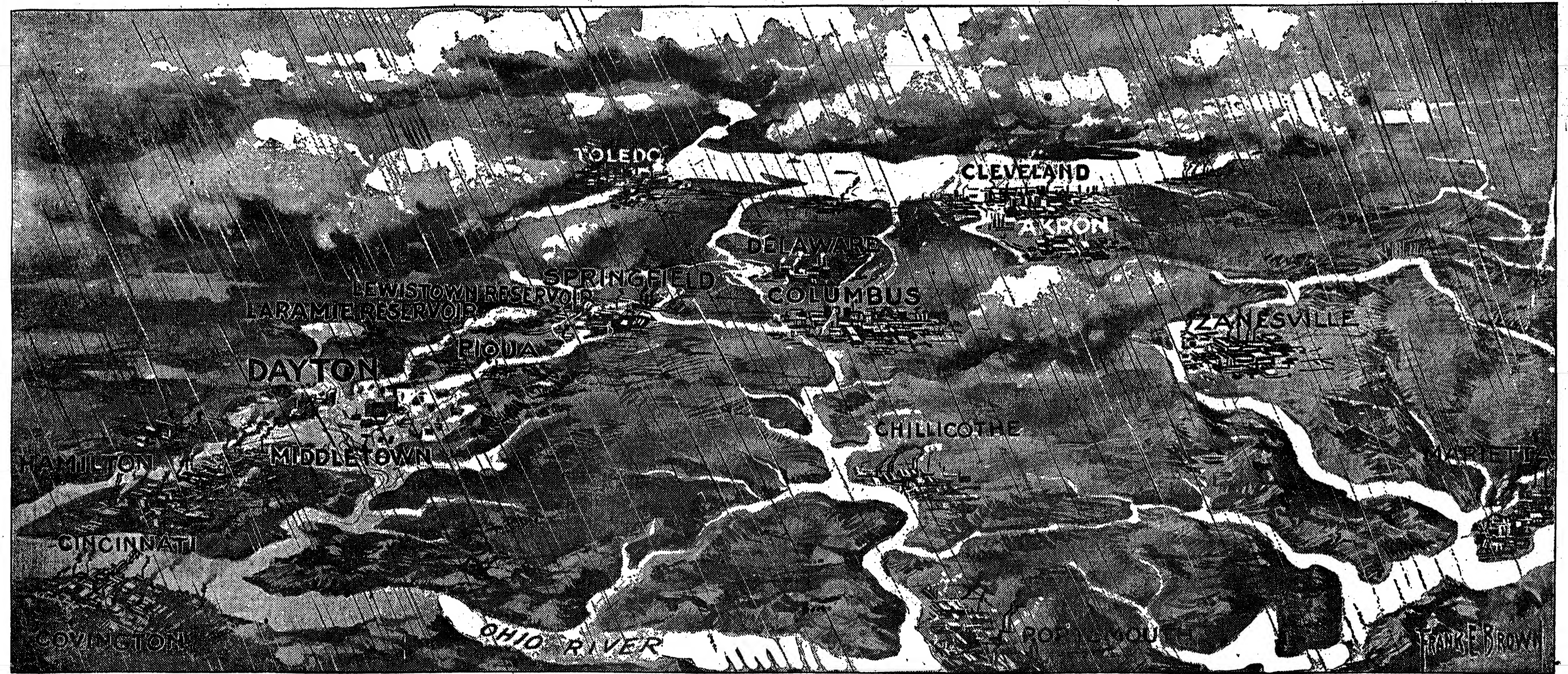
For the reason that 3d-st is wide and the court house intervenes, it was thought maybe the flames could be checked before they spread to western portions of the city.

A gang of roughs went through the southern part of the city late tonight instructing the people to extinguish all lights for fear of a gas explosion, and then began raiding. University students from Cincinnati and the traffic officers dispersed them.

Late tonight the arrival of motorboats gave hope that by tomorrow the northern section of the city, now cut off by the big Miami's impassable barrier, may be penetrated, and then may be learned the fate of hundreds imprisoned by the torrent that poured down from the broken reservoir.

That the loss of life will not be less than 1,000, was the estimate.

BIRDSEYE VIEW OF STATE FLOOD SWEEP FROM THE LAKE TO THE OHIO



RESERVOIR MENACES AS DEAD LIST SWELLS

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result of the overflow of the Olentangy river, which officials say has done damage to the city estimated at \$2,000,000.

Only river water can be had to drink, and an epidemic of typhoid is feared.

A Laundress That Will Not Disappoint—Maytag Electric Washer

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Cleveland's Largest Poultry Supply Dealer.

Mayor Bliss was rescued today from the top of a telephone pole, which he had climbed to rescue others.

Tonight Delaware is in great need of bread and gasoline with which to cook.

Company K of the Fourth regiment, O. N. G., was in charge of the city last night and today, with orders to shoot those not authorized who attempted to go into the flood district.

The students of Ohio Wesleyan university organized volunteer rescue troops and worked unceasingly. The homeless have been housed in the Y. M. C. A. and churches. All bridges across the river have been washed away, and only the most daring will attempt to communicate with those across the river by crawling across on a wire cable.

Report 200 Drowns in Village. An unconfirmed report from the village of Stratford, five miles below Delaware, says 200 persons were drowned. The Columbus, Delaware & Marion power house is reported washed away. This is the first in-

formation from Stratford since the flood.

After a night of horror for the marooned flood sufferers at Hamilton on all sides today can be heard rumors of deaths due to the flood. At least a score are known to have perished, and it was reported that more than one hundred were killed when a monster reservoir north of Hamilton broke last night. This latter report was not verified.

To add to the horror of the situation fire broke out in the flooded district of Hamilton last night. One of the buildings reported to have burned was the Champion Coated Paper Co.'s plant. This plant was the second largest of its kind in the world and was built at a cost of over \$5,000,000. From the Hamilton telephone exchange building many houses were seen floating down the stream. Occupants were seen in some of them. There are only a few boats that can be used in the work of rescue and relief.

Ohio National Guardsmen, who reached Hamilton from Cincinnati

last night, are doing heroic work. They used four motor trucks and brought food and clothing.

Lewistown Reservoir Threatens. The situation in the Miami valley is precarious because of the menacing Lewistown reservoir. The big dike at Lakeview has broken and this flood has taxed to its utmost the great reservoir walls.

The family of George Connelly, consisting of his wife and thirteen children, are hundred yards from the nearest bank of the river in Sidney and have been driven to the roof; the house has been carried off its foundation and is expected to topple over at any moment.

Belmont, near the West Virginia line, is inundated, and four villages were drowned. With the Ohio river rising rapidly, and all surrounding streams hurling a large volume of water into it, residents of Marietta are alarmed. The towns of Stockport, Eversly, McCannville and Pleasant City are under water, and wire and railroad communications have been cut off.

Chillicothe, fifty miles south of here, in the Soloto valley, is flooded. The Central Union Telephone Co.'s office at that point was under water, cutting off communication with many towns south of Chillicothe. No loss of life is reported.

All the lowlands along the Tuscarawas river are under water. The village of Lockport is fast off, and supplies in the town have been exhausted. Two men are reported drowned there. Circleville was cut off from railroad communication today, all trains on roads entering the town being annulled. The flood has wrought damage of several hundred thousand dollars; all bridges over the Soloto river have been washed away.

Death and intense suffering have marked the great flood which has swept clean the Sandusky valley. Down it is a sea of desolation and half under water. Fire Chief Albert Harris, who has had charge of the rescue work, estimates the loss of life at 100. William S. Gilman, a private watchman, was drowned this afternoon at Toledo when his launch struck an obstruction in the flooded Maumee river and capsized. There has been no direct connection from Toledo with Tiffin or Fremont for nearly twenty-four hours, and today relief trains containing food and crews of firemen and policemen are being pushed through to these towns from Toledo.

Five bridges were swept away at Tiffin, and the flooded area covers several blocks of the business section. At Fremont the Lake Shore railroad bridge was carried out this morning. Along the Portage river a few villages have been flooded.

With two-thirds of the city under water today, no gas for fuel and light, no city water, no food, no electricity, and with no telephone or telegraph connections and interurban and steam lines tied up, Fremont today spent its morning in despair. Last night Fremont officials sent appeals to Toledo, Port Clinton and Sandusky for boats manned by experts. All responded. Port Clinton is sending thirteen boats and thirty men on special trips. All day the rescuers have worked in the flood districts and a thousand sufferers were taken to places of safety. One of the life savers named Flora was drowned when his boat capsized.

Hundreds of homeless are being cared for by the relief committees appointed at a mass meeting of citizens. Headquarters for the homeless have been established in the schools, city hall, churches, lodge rooms and private homes. The Fremont council appropriated \$500 for rescue work.

The damage to the Ballville Hydro Electric plant of Fremont may be \$200,000. A conservative estimate of total losses in Fremont is a million and a half dollars.

Youngstown Under Martial Law. The Mahoning river, mounting to thirty-five feet above normal, has already caused an immense property loss. The Pennsylvania, P. & L. E. and Erie tracks have been washed away at Youngstown. The Republic Iron & Steel Co., Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., William Todd Co. and practically all other plants are inoperable. Three bridges across the Mahoning have been swept away, and two more are expected to go.

Youngstown has been under martial law since 10 o'clock this morning and

all saloons are closed. Companies H and M, Logan Rifles, and the O. N. G. are on duty, picking the line of flood. Sewage backing up into dwellings in the lower districts has precipitated epidemics of scarlet fever and measles. Unless relief comes in a few hours, health authorities state that the health of the end community will be jeopardized. The city's water supply, gas, electricity and all means of communication, with the exception of telephones, have been cut off. The greatest height of the flood is not yet in sight. The barometer is still falling. Two fatalities are reported at Youngstown.

Frank Wilkinson and Howard Flood drowned and Mrs. Mary Flood and Mrs. Fanny Jones barely escaped death while being rescued from their homes at Warren. Business there is paralyzed and light and power plants are shut down. All Warren bridges, including railroad structures, are seriously threatened and may go out. The West Side is shut off from fire protection.

The Erie has 1,500 feet of track washed out at Leavittsburg and the Lake Shore has a mile and a half gone on the Alliance branch between Briceville and Newton Falls. Warren churches and lodges are caring for the destitute.

Middletown Has Vigilance Force. At Middletown there is no way of estimating the death toll. How many lost their lives will not be known until the waters recede and the many marooned houses are examined. The work of relief for the homeless started today. Supplies are scant and unless more can be got into the city within twenty-four hours famine will add to the misery of the flood sufferers. Mayor Jacob Heer of Middletown today ordered all saloons closed until the flood is over. A citizen vigilance committee headed by David Lundy of Middletown and Dr. Otto P. Geir of Cincinnati will see that the order is enforced. The police in the first two hours of their work today rescued 104 persons. The water is two miles wide.

Oberlin college and Oberlin village have felt the effects of the flood. The excess water played havoc with the heating systems in the college building, and consequently, the deans today declared all classes dismissed until after the Easter vacation, which was to commence Wednesday noon.

Water has invaded Finney chapel on the main floor of the mammoth assembly room. Because of the flow of water in the basement of the Gripman Boarding hall, forty girls were forced to thrive on cold meals today. Traffic on the Cleveland, South-

western & Columbus Electric between Oberlin and Wallington and Oberlin and Norwalk was tied up most of day due to wash-outs.

Fred Kuensel, 52, was the only Mansfield resident drowned in the flood. He was caught by the waters Monday and his body was found today. Property loss from the flood at Mansfield will reach into many thousands. Some of the factories will be shut down for a month and operations suspended in others until next week.

At Sandusky a cold drizzling rain tonight developed into a sleet storm and added to the misery of the hundreds existing in fireless and foodless homes, surrounded by floods. Purgals had to be postponed this afternoon because the thoroughfares between Sandusky and Oakland cemetery are under water, and the dead were consigned to morgues. Murky water pouring into Sandusky bay below Fremont has rendered the filtration plant inefficient and Sandusky faces a drinking water famine.

Sandusky Prepares to Aid. The Sandusky board of control met tonight and took steps to send food and clothing into the state wherever needed. A supply station will be opened in the city tomorrow. The New York Central lines tonight wired an offer to convey free of charge all goods consigned by the mayor.

Conditions at Lorain are rapidly getting back to normal. Street car traffic was resumed today and the streets cleared of the debris. The steamer W. L. Ann, which broke away from its dock yesterday, is still

lying across the channel, but the steamer J. B. Eads has been secured to the dock. The steamer Presque Isle drifted against a dock and tore a big hole in its hull. The American Ship Building Co. estimates its loss at \$15,000.

Elyria is still in darkness and will

probably remain so for several days. The council met tonight and passed a resolution asking the state legislature to permit the county commissioners to rebuild the Washington bridge. Four people were reported drowned

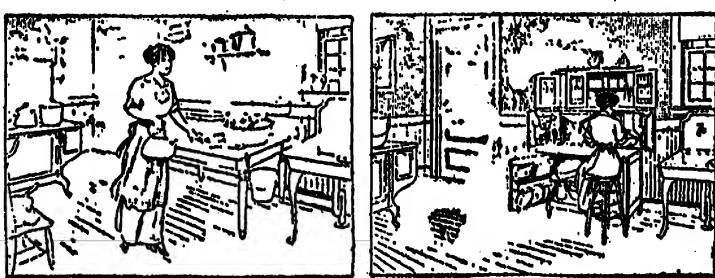
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RAIN CONTINUES AS SWOLLEN RIVERS AND BURSTING DAMS INUNDATE STATE

FEAR DELAWARE'S DEAD HIGH AS 100

Police of Ohio College Town Report Fatality List as Growing Fast. Rescuers Await Chance to Take Many From Flooded Places.

DELAWARE, O., March 25.—Between 75 and 100 persons lost their lives in the swirling waters of the flooded Olentangy river today, according to estimates made by the police tonight.

More conservative reports place the number of dead between twenty-five and fifty.

Known dead number twenty-eight. In the list are:

K. M. Melching, Mrs. Melching and seven Melching children, Mrs. Elias Smith, three Smith children, Mrs. Sam Jones, Miss Esther Jones.

Three unidentified women. Mrs. Quirk, Jerry McLaughlin, Billie, Mrs. Smith and three children.

The body of the unidentified girl was out in two by the iron work when the William-st bridge was washed out.

Scores of persons are still clinging to tops of trees, roofs of houses and other available footings. Tonight big fires were built along the banks of the river to cheer the marooned ones while desperate efforts to rescue them continue.

Life saving crews from Toledo and Cleveland lake stations have been sought and help is expected soon.

When it arrives breeches bouys will be fired from cannon to boys in isolated houses and tree tops.

Communication with the main section of the city was unobtainable tonight. The number of deaths on that side of the city is still unknown.

Walter Raines, who was thrown into the river when the Big Four bridge was washed out, is still in the tree top where he was rescued.

He has clung there more than eight hours.

Hundreds of persons along the banks stood in a drenching rain and cheered the rescuers who tried in vain to reach him.

Scores of the stranded have been clinging to trees and house tops without food and in a drenching rain since 2 o'clock this morning. The river is slowly receding.

The town save for a crippled telephone service is cut off from surrounding territory. The flooded condition makes rescue and relief work difficult.

Mayor B. V. Lean, who was reported drowned, saved himself by catching hold of the roof of a lumber shed.

The property loss will reach \$2,000,000. Fifty houses have been destroyed.

A heavier loss of life would have resulted but for the presence here of Bert J. Holman, an Indianapolis traveling salesman. Holman, formerly commodore of the Toledo Yacht club, was the only man on the scene with sufficient skill to handle a boat in the swift current. He was able to save fifteen or twenty persons.

As darkness gathered this evening weeping women and children lined the east bank of the river waving handkerchiefs to their loved ones marooned in houses and trees in the swirling river.

In one tree, where six persons were clinging to the branches, repeated efforts to throw them a rope failed.

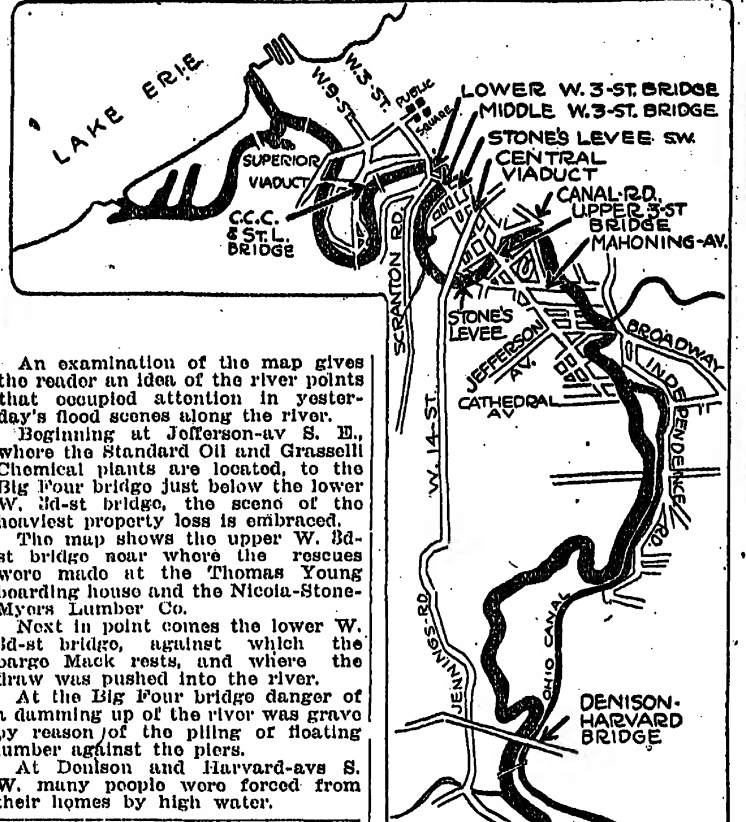
As the Big Four bridge went out a man clinging to the roof of a house which was being swept down stream, waved his shirt at the people on the shore and then was lost to view as the house crumpled when it struck the bridge.

Several buildings of Ohio Wesleyan university are inundated.

One baby, not yet identified, was rescued as he floated down stream. Another baby was seen in midstream, but could not be recovered.

Silas Smith, whose wife and children were drowned, grasped the roof of a house as it floated down stream and drifted safely into a lumber yard.

WHERE CUYAHOGA RIVER DAMAGED MUCH PROPERTY



TRAIN SHED BURNING

Building Near Union Depot Furnishes Stubborn Blaze.

BULLETIN: Fire early this morning broke out in a large train shed adjoining the Big Four roundhouse between the Union depot and

the coal docks on the lake front. Firemen were having difficulty in getting to the fire. No estimate of the damage could be learned.

SECOND FLOOD THREATENS TO DO IMMENSE DAMAGE HERE.

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road. There was a freight wreck on the Wheeling at Kent yesterday. Fireman Alexander Anderson was caught in the debris and held for some time. He may die.

Supt. William T. Lechlider of the B. & O. railroad last night reported that Akron officials were contemplating dynamiting locks in the canal near Akron. This, he said, would reduce the danger of further overflow, but it would add to the volume of water rushing through the Cuyahoga here.

It was at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon that the flood reached its high water mark. From then until 9 o'clock the river remained stationary, with a fall of three inches between 9 and 10 o'clock.

For a time this fall remained stationary, but it was thought that in the early hours of this morning the river will resume its rising because of the renewed rain.

The climax of the first warning was reached at 6:35 o'clock last night, when the draw of the lower W. 3d-st bridge was pushed into the water by the swelling water, a mass of wreckage and wood.

The flood came with a suddenness that took old river watchers by surprise.

First warning came at 2 o'clock yesterday morning when the rising waters drove against the barge William H. Mack with such force as to cause a breach of its mooring lines. The boat was wintering at the dock just above the lower W. 3d-st bridge.

When the lines broke it rushed stern foremost into the bridge's center pier. There the boat held its bulwarks immediately beneath the draw. Rises Night inches an hour.

As the water rose the boat was lifted higher and higher. With the rising of the fire the draw's anchors became severe and finally they gave way, the center part of the bridge, valued at \$75,000, falling into the maddened waters.

Public Service Director W. J. Springfield said last night a new bridge at this point will cost \$250,000.

Boating short circuits because of the continually rising waters, the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. ordered their consumers to shut off the power to their motors. The downtown district was particularly affected and as a result of obeying this request the Public square was in darkness and many business houses and hotels were without light illumination for hours last night.

At 9 o'clock last night a report that another vessel had broken loose and was tearing down the river caused the city to order the draw of the Superior viaduct held open until all danger was passed. The report concerned the barge Chattanooga, Co., moored in the old river bed, one of the five lines holding the vessel gave way, but the fifth held. The bridge was opened to traffic as soon as the vessel was safely located. The boat in trouble and found it to be below the bridge.

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LUMBER SWIRLS TO LAKE.

Costly lumber from several yards along the Cuyahoga river was snatched up by the water yesterday and whirled into the lake while lumber men looked on.

The storage yard of the Willson Avenue Lumber Co., on the flats, was swept away bodily, with \$15,000 worth of lumber.

In the factory of the American Box Co., 1932 W. 3d-st, six feet of water damaged machinery and stock and the company's lumber was washed away. Officials of the company last night were unable to fix their loss.

Four feet of water stands in the yard of the Frasse Lumber Co., 1804 Columbus-nd N. W. Men worked two hours yesterday removing horses.

Grasselli Chemical plants, both completely inundated, hay and straw from the Abel Bros. warehouse.

At the B. & O. bridge the catching of a 12x12-inch beam fifteen feet long early in the afternoon, threatened another dam. Within half an hour an immense pile of lumber had been banked behind the beam. The dam was only released after firemen of truck company No. 1 had sawed the beam through. Even then the lumber continued to pile up and narrowed the channel to such an extent that fears of trouble were felt.

City authorities stationed divers at both points. The divers had been with them immense quantities of dynamite. Their instructions were to use the dynamite when word was given.

Mayor Baker, Police Director W. J. Springfield, Safety Director C. W. Stago, City Engineer Robert Hoffman, Harbor Master Henderson and Bridge Superintendent Dooley were constantly on the scene.

Mr. Baker and his directors on more than one occasion directed the efforts of the police under direct supervision of Chief W. S. Rowe, who for the first time as chief worked all night, and the firemen, in bringing marooned people to points of safety.

The first rescues by the police were made above the Denison-Harvard bridge. On receipt of the first alarm, Chief Rowe ordered Capt. Schmunk, Sgt. Burrows and Patrolmen Cawthra, Banks and Vandree to the scene. The police brought none but were found in grave danger in their homes. There was no boat at hand. The nearest boat was at Brookside park.

Rescue Twenty-Eight by Rope. Under orders of Schmunk the police requisitioned a passing team and wagon, went to the park, broke open the backboard and carried two rowboats to the distressed district.

In the first boat loaded from the stricken homes the police brought none but children. There were seven in this boat, ranging in age from 6 months to 7 years. Some of the children had measles. After the babies had been placed on safe ground the women were rescued and finally the men.

These rescues completed, the police were called to W. 3d-st and Library-st. W. 3d-st bridge broke open the big two-story frame saloon and boarding house of Thomas Young.

Within were six women and twenty-two men. The current across W. 3d-st at 1 o'clock was estimated at ten miles an hour. It seemed folly to put a rowboat in the water.

Nevertheless, Capt. E. R. Beyer and Detective J. E. Brown, who had been called to the scene, decided to cross the stream. As their boat cleared a building on the west side of 3d-st, which was under water, an eight foot hole was made in the wall. The two men narrowly escaped drowning. Undaunted, Beyer and George A. Crooks then boarded the rowboat brought by the police and made a second attempt to cross. They succeeded.

With them they carried a rope, held at the west side by rescuers. This rope was fastened to the Young building and the boat was pulled across. The boat was finally rescued, it being 6 o'clock last night when Young, the man to leave, was brought ashore.

Save Dog and Cat. There were some instances connected with the rescue of the women in the building that lent an air of humor to the situation, serious as it was. The first was Mrs. Young, Miss Alice Mason, Mrs. Lottie Seller, Polly Crook and Katie Katino. When Mrs. Seller, who, with Polly Crook, entered the boat for the first trip, she found the boat was already full.

Young himself had been marooned in the building. He was brought out by the police. The cat was also rescued. The water rose (these men were out off from the stairway leading to the upper floor. First they mounted the roof and then the water. When the flood reached this point they climbed on the ice box, and they were rescued only after a hole had been cut in the floor above and a ladder lowered for them to climb up.

Mayor Baker directed the rescue of twenty-three employees of the Nicola-Stone-Myers Lumber Co. from the top of box freight cars in the yards of the lumber company at 2145 Scranton-nd S. W.

Sergts. Humes and Burrows of the police department and Fireman Charles Green, truck company No. 5, an old sailor, were conspicuous in these rescues, as they had been in taking the people from the Young boarding house.

Green showed unusual courage. Every trip that was made except the first at the boarding house, was participated in by him. He rowed the boat, and it was due to his able seamanship, so spectators insist, that the boat was not overturned or swept away by the rushing waters.

Burrows and Green figured in a second rescue immediately after the first. The twenty-three men from the box cars. Eleven men were seen clinging to the roof of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co.'s buildings, 2118 W. 3d-st. Green and the policeman set out in the boats after a hard struggle with the current, reached the spot. Several trips

Transport Co., suffer to the extent of thirty tons of sand, all washed away.

While no human life, so far as is known, was taken as toll by the flood in Cleveland and surrounding territory the loss of property is tremendous.

Cessation of all work at many plants along the river front was caused early in the day by the rising water. The American Steel & Wire Co., Corrigon, McKinney & Co. and the Cleveland Furnace Co. were forced to shut down, as water threatened their area, and it may be days before work can be resumed.

The plant of the Upton Nut Co. was running yesterday afternoon, but the management had prepared to close down at any moment if it seemed the crest of the flood would affect its property.

Lumber companies having severe losses are the Singletary, Cleveland Box, Martin-Barriss, American Box, Scranton Road, Gray, Foote, Miller, Carlton, Gill, Cuyahoga, Pottery, Saginaw Bay, and the Denison Avenue. The Gray company, lumber men said, suffered the loss of practically all its stock.

The Standard Oil Co. and Grasselli Chemical Co. lost thousands of dollars worth of supplies and goods. Barrel after barrel of oil floated down the river, away from the Standard Oil works at Jefferson-nd S. W.

At the Central viaduct the freight depot of the B. & O. railroad is completely submerged. In the yards here are hundreds of cars, empty and loaded, with water almost submerging them.

The Taylor-Boggs Foundry Co., the James Dunn Box Co., the Cleveland Provision Co., the Fisher & Willson Lumber Co., the Cleveland Grain Co., and other concerns in this vicinity have losses.

The damage to the Shorwin-Williams Co., at its various plants, was estimated yesterday as running close to \$200,000. The company suffered a damage of \$75,000 to its tin plate plant. Its linseed oil works, above the Central viaduct, was nearly ruined.

Among other losers are the Buckeye Fish Co. and the Kelley Island Lime Co.

Co. suffered to such an extent it had difficulty in serving its patrons last night.

All through Cleveland's various sections, outside the Cuyahoga valley, the flood left its imprint, in leaking roofs, flooded cellars and other forms of damage.

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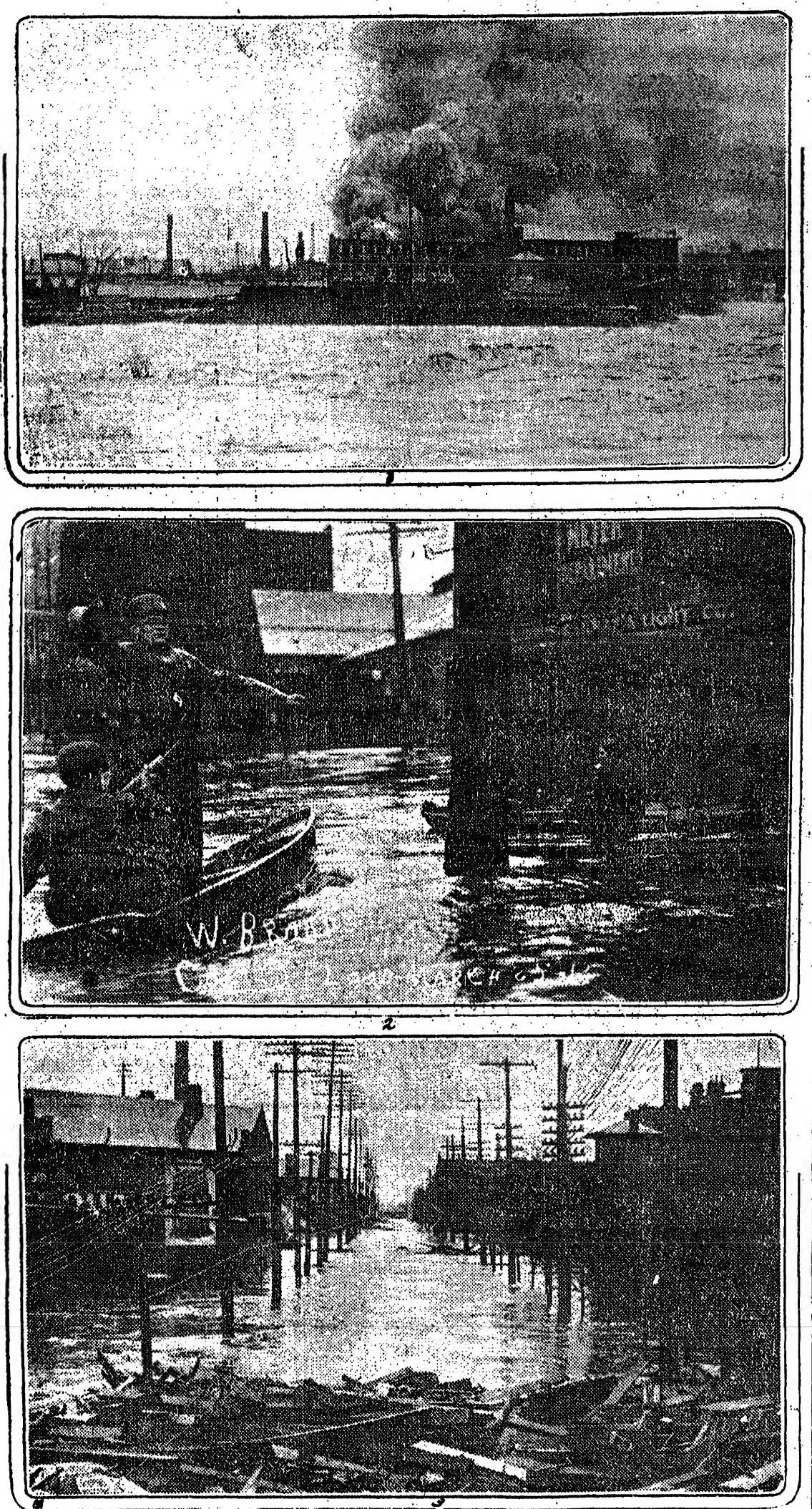
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FIRST DIRECT NEWS FROM DAYTON HOPEFUL, 200 MAY BE DEAD IN COLUMBUS WEST SIDE

FIRST PICTURES OF THE FLOOD IN COLUMBUS



No. 1, fire raging at State and Levee-sts after flood; No. 2, W. Broad-st, where men in boats are rescuing people; No. 3, street on which Ohio penitentiary stands, covered by water five feet deep.

OHIO RIVER NEARS FLOOD, HOMELESS WAITING RELIEF

COLUMBUS, O., March 27.—Shivering in their desolate havens of refuge as darkness ended all attempts at relief, the thousands of flood victims all over Ohio tonight prepared as best they could to withstand the terrible test of another night of sleepless waiting for outside aid.

In several localities are added to the horror and in nearly all sections of the state a snowstorm raged all day. Benumbed, in most cases scantily clad, without food, water and milk, the victims of the flood could only hope tomorrow will bring the relief prayed for.

The work of reaching the sufferers in the flooded districts today assumed organized shape. With the United States government rushing rationals, tents and supplies to Ohio, with all the relief stations in the state placed under the direct supervision of Gov. Cox and others, and states raising funds, thousands of sufferers will be taken care of just as fast as the

TRAIN RUSHES AID TO NEEDY

Leaves Cleveland Carrying Food and Medicines to Stricken District.

Committee Appeals for Money and Clothing for Sufferers.

Appalled by the stories of death and suffering that come hourly from those sections of Ohio laid waste by water, Cleveland has begun pouring money and supplies into Columbus for use among those who escaped with their lives from floodbound cities, towns and villages.

Up to 6 o'clock last night more than \$30,000, gathered yesterday by the Chamber of Commerce-Rod Cross relief fund committee, had been transmitted to Gov. James M. Cox at Columbus.

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LATEST BULLETINS OF BIG FLOODS

Latest estimates of the dead in Ohio floods are: Columbus 200; Dayton 200 to 2,000; Zanesville, 300; Piqua, 20 or more; Chillicothe, 25; Hamilton, 50; Troy, 25; Middletown, 30; Massillon, 5. Indianapolis reports 20 dead; Peru, Ind., 150; Howesville, Ind., 25 and Sharon, Pa., 10.

ZANESVILLE, O., March 28.—Mayor John H. Schofield has issued an appeal to the country for clothing, food and money for this city. He says more than 300 lives probably have been lost.

PIQUA, O., March 27.—Scores of sensational rescues from almost certain death in the raging flood have served to limit the fatality list here which tonight, it is practically certain, will not exceed fifty. W. W. Wood, in charge of the relief work, says between 1,200 and 1,500 persons have been taken to safety and that fifty bodies are all that could be found.

WEST DAYTON, O., March 27.—Police and militia report looting in central Dayton and persistent reports tell of the looters being shot.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—At the word from Secretary Garrison, President Wilson will himself leave for Ohio, there to take charge of the federal rescue and relief work. The president's private car, provisioned and equipped for the trip, is waiting at the Union Station.

BASIC CITY, Va., March 27.—The government train carrying relief for Dayton was stopped by washed-out roadbeds late tonight. By a devious route it will try to reach Dayton by way of Cincinnati. The train has switched from the Chesapeake & Ohio to the Norfolk & Western.

MANY DAYTON VICTIMS RESCUED FROM THEIR PLIGHT

STORM TOLL

- IN DAYTON, O.
- Charles Parker, liverman.
 - Mrs. Lucy Abel, aged 50.
 - Anton Saeftel, grocer.
 - Mrs. Saeftel.
 - Unidentified woman.
 - Unidentified man.
 - Mrs. Bish, aged 65.
 - Mrs. Bish, aged 27.
 - Viola Bish.
 - Mrs. Mauriel Bish.
 - John Radin, millman.
 - James Hoxey, millman.
 - George Morgenstaler.
 - J. N. Haverstick, Bell phone man.
 - L. C. Haupt.
 - Mrs. Haupt.
 - Three Haupt children.
 - Mrs. Collins and child.
 - Lillie Eldman.
 - Mrs. Schmidt.
 - Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Schmidt's daughter.
 - Mrs. Carrie Schantz.
 - Mrs. Thompson.
- IN HAMILTON, O.
- N. G. McRoberts, aged 6.
 - O'Dell.
 - Herman Tlemma.
 - Leon Jutz.
 - Three unidentified women.
 - Two unidentified men.
- IN ZANESVILLE, O.
- John Carr.
 - Mrs. Carr.
 - Two Carr children.
- IN BARBERTON, O.
- John Neuman.
- IN COLUMBUS, O.
- William A. Sexton, probation officer.
 - Edwin D. Daniel.
 - Albert Gore, mail carrier.
 - M. M. Hays.
 - Mrs. E. M. Hayes.
 - Mrs. George Cook and baby.
 - Levin Melching, aged 4.
 - Mrs. Silas Smith.
 - Three Smith children.
 - Mrs. George Jones, aged 15.
 - Mrs. Hazel Dunlap, aged 22.
 - Mrs. Slossom.
 - William Hoxey.
 - James Main, aged 60.
 - James Main, aged 60.
 - Mrs. Bille.
 - Three Bille children.
 - Unidentified girl.
 - Hillman.
 - Mrs. Hillman.
 - Hillman child.
- IN CHILLICOTHE, O.
- C. S. Baxter.
 - Baxter boy, aged 9.
- IN MANSFIELD, O.
- Fred Kuenall, aged 52.
- IN WARREN, O.
- Frank Wilkinson.
 - Howard Flood.
- IN TIPPIN, O.
- Joseph Knecht and family of eight.
 - George Klingensmith and family of four.
- IN TOLEDO, O.
- William S. Gilman.
- IN YOUNGSTOWN, O.
- Stanley Corning.
 - James Gunn.

MOTHERS DIE WITH BABES NESTLED AGAINST BREAST

Score Perish in Church at Ohio's Capital as They Kneel at Altar While Sea Engulfs West Side.

COLUMBUS, O., March 27.—As the murky waters of the swollen Scioto receded today, indications of a frightful toll of human life claimed by the flood were revealed. At first it was thought 1,000 had perished, but conservative estimates tonight placed the number at not more than 200.

Relief work continued unabated throughout the night, and hundreds were taken from their flooded homes. The entire district was placed under the control of the militia. Supplies were rushed into the flooded area by motorboat and the victims given food and clothing as rapidly as the supplies could be obtained.

Scores of dead floated in eddy pools in vacant lots and low ground. Searchers for the living saw house after house, weakened by the strong current of three days, give way as the falling waters tugged remorselessly.

As these houses crashed to ruin, searchers saw bodies released and swirl down the stream. It was a common sight. No effort was made to hold back the floating dead. All energies were devoted to caring for those who are homeless, hungry, ill and paralyzed with the horror of the days.

Men wept as they bent over oars or guided motorboats to succor all who lived. Sights that made men's faces tense with the pain that tugged at their hearts were so frequent that eyes were closed as if to shut out a part of the horror presented. Columbus, eager, anxious to care for its own, was forced to ignore the dead that aid might reach the living.

Houses held the dead behind closed doors. Bodies were found entangled in the mass of wrecked household furniture piled up at doorways. Dead women held dead babies tightly to their breasts. Mothers had sought to protect their young, even to the last, and falling, had perished with arms entwined. Doors that had been buttressed to stop the rushing waters, had been forced ajar and the tragedies enacted in the dark of night.

It was a rich harvest death had reaped in that district, a mile wide and five miles long. There had been high carnival of destruction, as raging waters snuffed out scores of lives.

Through the windows of the Avondale United Brethren church, on the West Side, men in boats peered today and counted more than a score of bodies floating within the edifice. These people had sought safety in the consecrated structure and they met their doom at the altar. There, beneath the vaulted dome of the sanctuary, while light rays filtered through memorial windows, the angel waited. No anthems were chanted as their souls winged flight; no vested choir filled the church with the strains of the funeral hymn. Roaring waters furnished their requiem as their hurried supplications were terminated by engulfing waves. They died as they knelt in prayer.

The church cannot be reached until the morning. How many bodies are

BULLETIN.

WEST DAYTON, March 28—4 a. m.—The flood in central Dayton has receded and it is believed the overflow will have disappeared from the district by daylight. The weather has cleared.

A lieutenant of militia said tonight that probably a hundred bodies had been found in the central district, but no attempt would be made to remove them until daylight.

Communication with the downtown district is cut off except through the National Guardsmen, who refuse to let anyone venture into that district.

The militia say a score of persons suspected of looting have been arrested. An ex-policeman, caught coming out of a deserted house, is in prison.

The Fourth National bank building is burning. Though several engine companies are fighting the blaze, they are making little headway.

All lamps and candles, the only remaining means of lighting, have been ordered extinguished because of fear that the natural gas, which was supposed to be turned off, is on.

Nothing has occurred in what exploration was done today to indicate that earlier estimates of great loss of life were well founded.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

DAYTON, O., March 27.—All but a few of those hundreds of persons who have been marooned in the downtown section of flooded Dayton since Tuesday morning are safe. This was the news brought out late today by an Associated Press staff man, the first to succeed in the perilous task of penetrating as far north as the Big Miami river.

Chief of Police J. N. Allaback, himself marooned, who has been directing the rescue work, gave the first information as to the situation in what has heretofore been the water-bound district. Except for possible loss of life on the north side of the river, there will not be more than 200 dead in Dayton, according to Allaback's estimate, after he had been given information as to the situation on the south side.

It is impossible to learn the names of the dead so far recovered. Only one body, in Riverdale, has been identified and those recovered are being taken to temporary morgues, churches and private homes so that an accurate count of the bodies is impossible.

Volunteer rescuers today removed more than a half hundred bodies from the waters of the Great Miami river and Wolf creek and saved upward of 500 who for two days have been clinging to roofs or living in upper stories. With the coming of nightfall the efforts to rescue more persons was slackened.

Six hundred persons trapped in the Union station here, re-

APPALLING EXTENT OF DAYTON DISASTER COMES AS WRITERS ENTER THE CITY

ported to have been drowned, were rescued tonight. For three days they have been standing packed like sardines in a box.

The worst condition, found near the center of the flood, was in the workhouse, where sixty prisoners have not had a drop of water nor a bite of food since Tuesday. The men revolted Tuesday night and demanded their liberty and a chance to fight for their lives. Since then the workhouse has been a madhouse, according to Supt. Johnson. The prisoners repeatedly fought with Johnson and threatened to kill him and his family.

Johnson asked that a detachment of the National Guard be assigned to help him handle the men. He declared the men would have to be shot if they escaped from their cells.

No Word Heard From Dayton's Mayor.

No word has been heard from Mayor Phillips. The chief of police had been unable to get near the Phillips house and did not know whether the mayor would be found dead or alive.

North of Burns-av, as far as 4th-st, the water was found to be three feet to six feet deep. Beyond 4th-st the water has receded, making it possible, in many places, to proceed on foot.

From 4th-st to the Big Miami river relief work was taken up by a committee headed by Chief Allaback. All the grocery stores were commandeered, and, although in most cases the goods were covered with water, yet sufficient supplies were found to prevent great suffering among those in the interior dry strip.

The food situation was relieved temporarily by the arrival today of a special train from Richmond, Ind., bringing seven cars of provisions. Tonight Quartermaster Logan received word from United States Army Quartermaster General Alshire that 300,000 rations had been ordered shipped here from Chicago, 100 ranges and one complete quartermaster depot from Columbus, O.; 3,300 tons, 100 hospital tents and 400 stoves from Philadelphia, and 300,000 blankets and 500 bed sacks from St. Louis or Cincinnati. Quartermaster Logan is authorized to purchase in open market all rations needed.

While there may be many deaths in individual homes, which have been without food or drink, there was no place but the workhouse where any considerable number of people were held without food. None had had enough, but no case approaching actual starvation was found.

Knowledge that the death list is likely to prove so low in the downtown section tonight gave rise to a hope that even in North Dayton, about which nearly all hope had been abandoned, there might be comparatively few deaths.

Plaintiffs Accuse at Special Morgue.

At the rescue stations and the scenes today were heartrending and the most pitiful scenes occurred at the temporary morgues. At the West Dayton morgue frantic crowds all day and tonight watched every body brought in, every hoping against hope it was not that of one of his loved ones. Women became hysterical at times when searching for missing members of their families whom they had failed to find at the relief stations.

In addition to the rescue stations, the authorities are maintaining an identification bureau where all persons rescued or cured for are registered. Their friends are directed in their search.

The progress of the first canoe into the waterbound district was greeted by appeals for bread and water. In nearly every house left standing, wailing faces were to be seen pressed against window panes. All these people were asked whether there had been any deaths, and with only a few exceptions all replied that there had not.

Although heartened by news from

the flood zone's interior, Gov. Cox's secretary, George F. Burba, was severely able to credit the assertion. From his own investigations of the southern district he was unable to believe that the death list would be under 1,500.

"There are 10,000 unaccounted for on this side of the river," he said, "and if all but 200 of these are found, it will be the greatest miracle of the time."

It was impossible to approach within several blocks of the fire zone, even in the center, but there appeared every indication that the Beckel hotel had not been burned, and that the fire had been confined to the blocks beyond and east of it.

The three hundred guests of the Algonquin hotel have been kept in the hotel except for the continuous flood that the fire would spread to them. The water reached the second floor, but all supplies had been moved to places of safety, and those in the hotel experienced little discomfort.

Dayton's geographical situation adds to the difficulty of concerted rescue work. The town is divided into six sections, central Dayton, comprising the downtown business district; West Dayton, the territory extending several miles west of the Big Miami; Riverdale, the northeast, across the river from the central district; Dayton View, the extreme northeast; and manufacturing district, in which the National Cash Register Co.'s plant is located and separated from the central district by lowlands which are deep in flood waters, and North Dayton, northwest of the business district.

The Halle Bros. Co.

A Telephone Suggestion

You might phone today for three pairs of "Nu-grain" hose—the kind which are smooth and fine and yet which possess wearing qualities out of the ordinary.

They are of a good true black and are made extra wide at the top, which provides unusual wear.

They are priced at three pairs for \$1.00.

Call North 1700 or Erie 93 and give your order to the Telephone Shopper.

Tunics Specially Priced

The tunics comprised in the sale offered this week are such as will convert a simple slip to a most attractive evening gown.

The styles are varied and the colorings include black and white as well as pink, Copenhagen, apricot and oriental combinations in black.

Moreover the prices are such as to make a purchase at this time economical.

The Halle Bros. Co.

Pullman Robes—\$5.85

We place on sale today a special value in heavy China silk Pullman robes.

They come in plain dark colors made full belted. They have elbow length sleeves and attached hood, which protects the hair from dust and cinders.

While the limited quantity remains they will be underpriced at \$5.85. (Third Floor)

The Halle Bros. Co.

A Neckwear Special

We will place on sale today 250 articles of women's neckwear, principally black satin models with jabot, suitable for wearing with new Spring suits.

They represent, in many cases, samples received during the early season from Paris and New York.

They are underpriced about one-half and grouped in three lots at

25c, 50c and \$1.00 (Main Floor)

The Halle Bros. Co.

Announces

A Sale of Irish Crochet Laces

Beginning today we will sell a comprehensive assortment of Real Irish laces. They are suitable for jabots, collars, lingerie purposes and trimming children's fine dresses, and are priced at one-third or more less than usual.

There are narrow plait edgings priced as low as 16c a yard, and insertions and edgings to match, from five-eighths to six inches wide, in Baby Irish patterns with the characteristic shamrock and rose motifs and the more elaborate Irish patterns.

The greater portion of them has been grouped to sell at

33c, 55c, 80c, \$1.45 and \$1.70 a yard (Main Floor)

PLAIN DEALER STAFF MEN NOW IN DAYTON.

Cleveland relief corps boats reached Dayton at 5 p. m. yesterday. Three Plain Dealer staff men are with the relief expeditions reported as having entered Dayton. It was impossible, however, for the Plain Dealer representatives to get a wire out of Dayton last night.

This information was conveyed in a message received last night by Mayor Baker during a meeting of the charter commission. Gov. Cox was at the other end of the long distance telephone.

Gov. Cox also informed Mayor Baker that it was hoped to reach Dayton with powerboats by way of Piqua.

lena-st, has been penetrated by the flood, and the conditions found much similar to those in the southern suburbs. Everyone has been crowded to the second floors or roofs of their homes. But few of the more stable dwellings there were washed away. The district north of Helena-st has not been reached, but it is not believed the conditions there will prove as bad as has been feared.

Nothing is known of the foreign settlement in North Dayton, close to the Miami river. This was the part of the city where the flood first made its way and where the occupants of the houses had ignored warnings to leave. It was here also that it was feared most of the deaths would occur. The only body found was that of Charles Parker, a liveman, discovered in the court house yard.

\$25,000,000 Lost.

There were tentative figures of damage that placed Dayton's pecuniary loss at \$25,000,000, estimated by persons who had explored parts of the flood area. Several statisticians set the loss at a higher figure, but most expert opinion agreed on \$25,000,000. It was said 2,000 residences were damaged to the extent of \$2,000 each; 4,000 homes were classified under damage figures of \$1,000 and it was believed 7,000 could not be repaired for less than \$500 each.

Damage to buildings in the business district was set at a conservative figure of \$2,000,000, and it was believed this amount would apply to stocks of stores. Figures available at manufacturing plants which suffered placed damage under this head at \$1,000,000. The loss on automobiles was set at \$500,000, this figure having been reached by estimating the damage to at least 1,000 machines. It was believed the damage to household goods would mount into the millions, because in many sections of the submerged area the water reached to the

The Halle Bros. Co.

Tailored Silk Shirts for Women \$3.75

We place on sale today a special value in women's tailored silk shirts of a heavy weight Habutai wash silk.

They are made with shoulder pleat, French collars and cuffs and are finished with round Jade buttons.

They come in white, striped with colors, and are unusual values at \$3.75. (Fourth Floor)

The Halle Bros. Co.

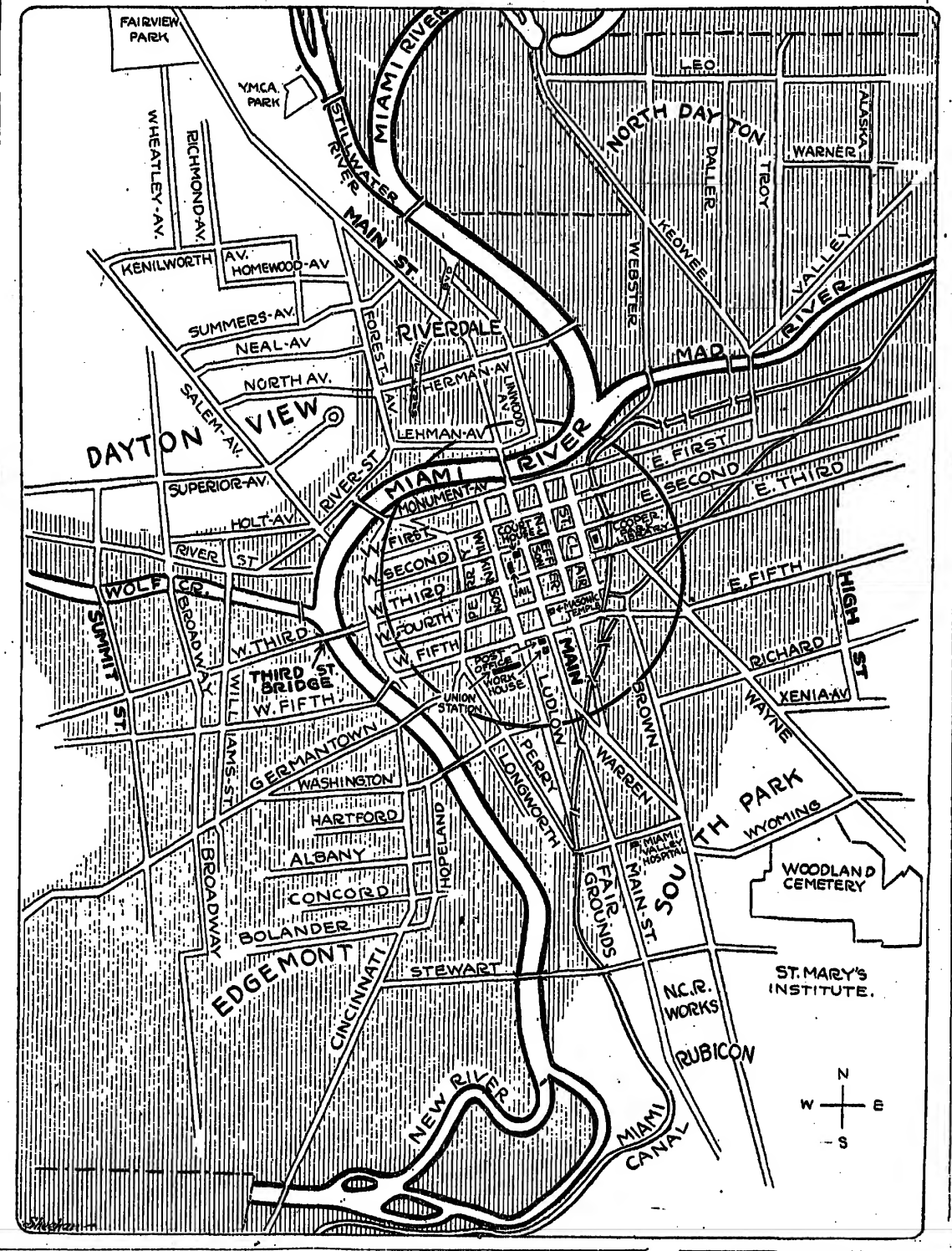
Pin Sets 50c

Today we will place on sale a special value in Sterling Silver or gold plated collar and cuff pin sets.

The silver sets are engraved and the gold sets can be had in a choice of plain or engraved styles.

They are underpriced approximately half, at 50c a set. (Main Floor)

MAP SHOWS SECTION OF DAYTON DAMAGED



STORM TOLL

Continued From Page 1.

IN AKRON, O.
John Kennedy, driver, electrocuted.
Milton Bell, driver, electrocuted.
Unidentified man, foreigner.
Unidentified man, foreigner.

IN FREMONT, O.
Frank Zoller.
Hall Allen.
Henry Hill.
Henry Hill, life saver.

IN COLUMBIANA, O.
Edward Hawley.
Mrs. Hawley.
Hawley child, aged 6.
Hawley, heavy home.

IN LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO.
George Dike, Toledo, wreck caused by flood.
William Shanklin, Massillon, wreck.
Fred Burr, Massillon, wreck.

IN MILLERSBURG, O.
Harry Workman.
Workman child.

IN ADA, O.
Charles Morse.
Nolan McElroy.

IN STEUBENSBURG, O.
Stanley Perkins, boy.

IN PINE FORK, O.
Harvey Deville.

IN MASSILLON, O.
Family of five, Hungarians.

IN BRINKSHAVEN, O.
Mrs. Goddard.
Two Goddard children.

IN FINDLAY, O.
McGowan, policeman.
Frank Henderson.

IN WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO.
Frank Erb, Smithville.

IN FUNK, O.
Riddle.

IN INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
William Morris.
W. Morris children.
W. Morris child.

IN FT. WAYNE, IND.
Walter Cramer, aged 14.
Arda Wood, aged 15.
Alice Widdie, aged 14.
Kittie Wile, 7 years old.

IN PERU, IND.
Mrs. Rose Whitte.
Mrs. Elsie Smith.

IN PITTSBURGH, PA.
D. J. Thayer, oil operator.

were burst by the flood; manholes were simply blown from the earth. It will be many days before the water service can be restored, and it will be more than a week before street car companies can operate. Electric lights are something which probably will not be known in Dayton for from ten to fourteen days, and authorities believe energetic measures necessary.

One of the remarkable features was the cheerful spirit with which flood victims viewed their plight. This was the case in the flooded areas. Much of the submerged area had been considered safe from high water, but as the majority of the residents of the flooded areas looked out on all sides upon a great sweep of muddy, swiftly moving water, they seem undisturbed.

In some of the poorer sections the attitude of the natives was not so cheerful. As a motorboat passed beneath the second floor of one partly submerged house, a man leaned out and threatened to shoot unless the crew took off his wife and a baby who was born yesterday. The woman, almost dying, was taken from the window by rope and taken to a place of refuge.

Further on, members of a motorboat party were startled by shots in the second floor of a house about which the feet of water swirled. The boat was stopped and a man peered from the window of the house.

"Why are you shooting?" he was asked.

"Oh, just amusing myself, shooting at rats that come upstairs. When are you going to take me out of here?" he replied.

Captain of the U. S. L. L. Lackhart declared that water in North Dayton, Miami City and East Dayton reached the house tops. His estimate of the number of dead in that district was 280.

The bodies of a woman and a baby were seen floating down Jefferson-st, one of Dayton's main thoroughfares. It was thought they came from the district north of the city.

According to city officials, it is impossible to estimate the number who perished in the fire which last night swept the central district, on the north side of 3d-st between Jefferson-st and the canal, a distance of more than a square and a half.

All patrons in the Beckel hotel are safe. Extensive preparations were made last night for their rescue when the building was threatened by fire. Police and volunteers came to the bridge over the canal and the tops of adjoining buildings to a point of safety.

The flood situation tonight appeared brighter than this morning. There was food in the town's breakfast and dinner left after 1 o'clock tonight, and it was believed the many trains of food and provisions on the way would reach the city tomorrow.

The water receded rapidly today. An occasional snow flurry and biting gusts of wind added to the discomfort of the city, but they remained steadily at work.

Publish Free Paper.

The emergency committee today began publication of an official newspaper from the plant of the National Cash Register Co. It was a one-sheet paper designed for free circulation in all accessible parts of the city. Its leading article warned the people to beware of thieves and burglars.

A special train of thirty physicians, ten nurses and carrying a large quantity of medical supplies was made up early today and left over the Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern railroad for Dayton.

Ten electric street car trucks filled with food and medical supplies left for Hamilton in an endeavor to reach that city.

Relief stations in Dayton View, the Longview school and in Riverdale the Van Cleave school tonight were crowded with refugees.

At both these stations food and dry clothing were plentiful, but pneumonia had attacked many of the women and children at the Van Cleave school. The third floor was turned into a hospital and all available doctors were sent to the school houses.

The water is receding rapidly in the northern section of the city, showing to some extent the great property loss, but it was said few bodies had been found in the debris. Wrecked houses blocked many of the streets. Most of these wrecks had traveled down the current from North Dayton, which is inhabited principally by foreigners.

Financial committees of the several districts report liberal responses to their appeals. At the Dayton View station \$4,000 had been raised this afternoon, and other stations reported like amounts.

Many thrilling stories were told by the refugees who had been trapped

in their attics and on their roofs in the very heart of the flood.

Tele. Cable Rescue.
A. J. Bard, of Belmont-av, who was penned in the City National Bank building on 3d-st, near Main, Tuesday, was rescued today.

He and fifty of us were caught in the building," said Mr. Bard. "We remained there until the fire started, then we began to plan an escape."

"We cut the elevator cables, obtained a bag of two chairs, and a small wire from one of the offices. We attracted a boatman, who risked his life to come to us. We gave the boatman one end of the wire and he rowed to the old court house. He then pulled the wire over and after that the heavy cable."

"One end of the cable was made fast in the bank building and the other in the old court house. With only the light of the burning structures, the 150 persons in the bank building made their way hand over hand along the cable over the swirling torrent to the court house. I believe everyone, men and women, made the trip in safety. During our imprisonment I had two crackers and a slice of cold ham."

"The city hall did not burn, but the Leonard building, just across the street, collapsed. Part of the Beckel hotel also crumbled before the waves between Jefferson and Clair-st, leaving only the Fourth National Bank building standing. You bet I'm glad to get out of it and I'm deeply grateful to the brave men who came to our rescue."

Foreigners killed their countrymen and even members of their families in the desperate effort to obtain food, according to John Volbrecht of Yukawa-st, in North Dayton, who was taken from the one remaining abutment of the Herman-st bridge today. Volbrecht said he was taken to his home with his family when the flood struck North Dayton. The house was picked up by the current and carried against the Herman-st bridge. Volbrecht said he leaped to the bridge, and didn't know what became of his family.

One woman, with a 10-day-old baby, clung over the roof of a three-story house to reach the rescue today.

With the arrival tonight of a life saving crew from Louisville, the naval militia from Toledo, trainloads of provisions and additional guardsmen, prospects for the rescue of 60,000 persons still imprisoned by Tuesday's flood brightened.

Hope was renewed that explorations of the life saving crew in these districts with which communication has been impossible since Tuesday, would reveal the true extent of the flooded city.

Capt. Gilcrease, with his Louisville crew, planned to leave at dawn for North Dayton. Thence he was to work around to Riverdale, placing relief stations along the route.

Up to a late hour tonight verification of reports of tremendous life loss had been impossible. Few corpses had been found and rescue workers declared they believed many bodies had been washed by the swift current beneath great heaps of debris.

Members of the state board of health were ordered to make a night bringing cars of lime and disinfectants. They faced the problem of disposing of the bodies of scores of horses in the flood, from which the waters have receded.

Wire communication from here to the outside world today was re-established on a satisfactory basis for the first time since the flood put telephone and telegraph companies out of commission.

The temporary Western Union headquarters and branch station have been equipped with messages reassuring anxious relatives or telling of missing or drowned persons.

Just how eager the citizens were to establish communication with the outside world was shown upon the arrival of Associated Press representatives and the Western Union squad yesterday. The first wire messages were taken to relief headquarters in Riverdale. Robert Fulton, one of the volunteer guardsmen, with a telephone lineman, was detailed by Chairman Hendrickson of the relief committee to aid in tapping

PUPILS TO AID STRICKEN

Asked to Help in Relief Work for Flood Victims.

Circulars appealing to teachers and pupils in the public schools to contribute to the relief funds were sent out by Superintendent of Schools J. M. H. Frederick yesterday.

The Mulholland Underwriting Co., 3581 Prospect-av S. E., Thursday wired Gov. Cox to offer to send to stricken Dayton without charge all coffins it has on hand.

Fine China For Gifts—

The exceptional character of our stock, representing products of the most celebrated factories, enables us to offer an interesting display of articles for gift purposes.

Our lines include the wares of Minton, Cauldon, Compton and Wedgwood, the great china makers, while the French manufacturers are well represented in this extensive stock we carry.

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The Cowell & Hubbard Company

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W.L. DOUGLAS SHOE CO.: 312 Superior Ave., N. W. 406 Superior Avenue, N. E.

HUNDREDS PERISH IN COLUMBUS CHURCHES WHERE THEY SOUGHT SAFETY

CITIES OFFER HELP TO STRICKEN STATE

Send Word of Supplies and Money on Way to Aid Ohio Sufferers.

Assistance Comes From All Sections of United States.

Plain Dealer Bureau, 14 E. Broad St., COLUMBUS, O., March 27.—Generous humanity all over the land was revealed in the flood offers that came pouring from all directions to Gov. Cox today.

Newark, New Jersey wired that several carloads of supplies had been shipped and an expressed satisfaction that it could aid the flood sufferers. Other cities were prompt in offering aid.

It was to all these that Gov. Cox sent word that the extent of the terrible catastrophe of the state could not be described, was not being over-estimated nor was the need over-stated.

Terry, Mont., a small hamlet, wired \$50 to the relief fund. It expressed pleasure in being able to do a little. It is in the extreme western part of that state.

Denver wired \$1,050. Other cities promised to wire funds tomorrow. The Mormon church at Salt Lake wired \$5,000.

Messages came from Governors Sullivan of New York, Fox of Massachusetts, Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston, the Studebaker corporation at South Bend, Ind., and private individuals. Practically every message asked what is most needed.

The Studebaker corporation, South Bend, Ind., wired \$1,000.

L. H. Doherty, gas magnate of New York, wired Gov. Cox to draw on him for \$10,000.

Thomas J. Watson of the National Cash Register Co. at Dayton, who was temporarily in New York wired that a representative of the cash register company was leaving New York with a special train containing food, medicines, water and blankets.

Gov. Cox wired the Associated Press to send out notices that all contributions be sent to Col. E. S. Wilson, treasurer of the relief committee.

Washington, C. D., suffered no ill effects from the flood and today sent aid to three cities in trouble. It is the first city in the state to be hit by the flood, today, at a train of help and provisions to Ottawa.

Nelsonville is in danger tonight from a great dike above the city that is about to break. Delayed was relieved today by the people in the country about it.

General Counsel Frank Durbin of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad with Gov. Cox and Gen. John C. Speaks this afternoon arranged to have a train loaded with food for the people of Putnam made up at Lancaster, and sent on to Columbus by a Muskogean Valley line to the point where the bridge is washed out.

There it will be met by a train on the Ohio side. The morning train will be for the people of Putnam in their box car lodging house.

Warned by the message from Traffic Manager Green of the Baltimore & Ohio, the people had been moved up the hill to places of greater safety.

General Counsel Durbin, Representative of the Baltimore & Ohio, was in the city at day. They have been every effort to get the situation in hand and lost no time in getting the state to order supplies.

Join This Hoosier Club Today Saturday May Be Too Late

Remember that this Hoosier club sale is limited to only 100 cabinets and you have no idea how low this allotment is for a city the size of Cleveland.

Why, the Hoosier Cabinets made in just one week last year would make 14 piles as high as the Washington monument, yet with all this tremendous output they were ten thousand cabinets short at Christmas time.

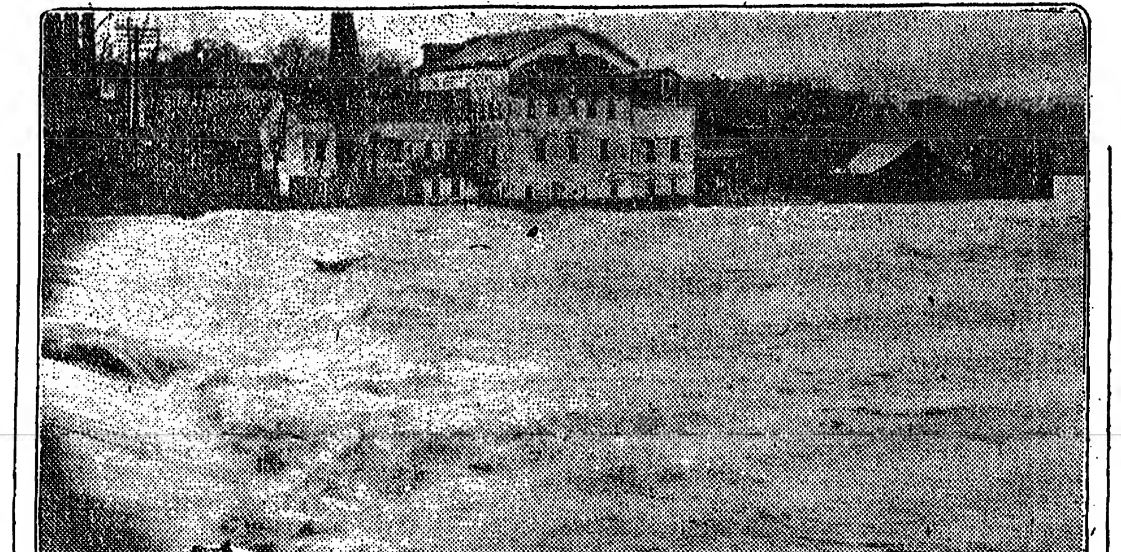
For two months back we have been trying to get the cabinets for this club sale, but the demand is so great that we have had to wait until this week.

But now your opportunity has arrived and by paying only one single dollar you can have your cabinet delivered at once and enjoy the use of it right away—the weekly dues are only \$1.00 and you can't buy a Hoosier one cent cheaper anywhere even if you paid spot cash for it.

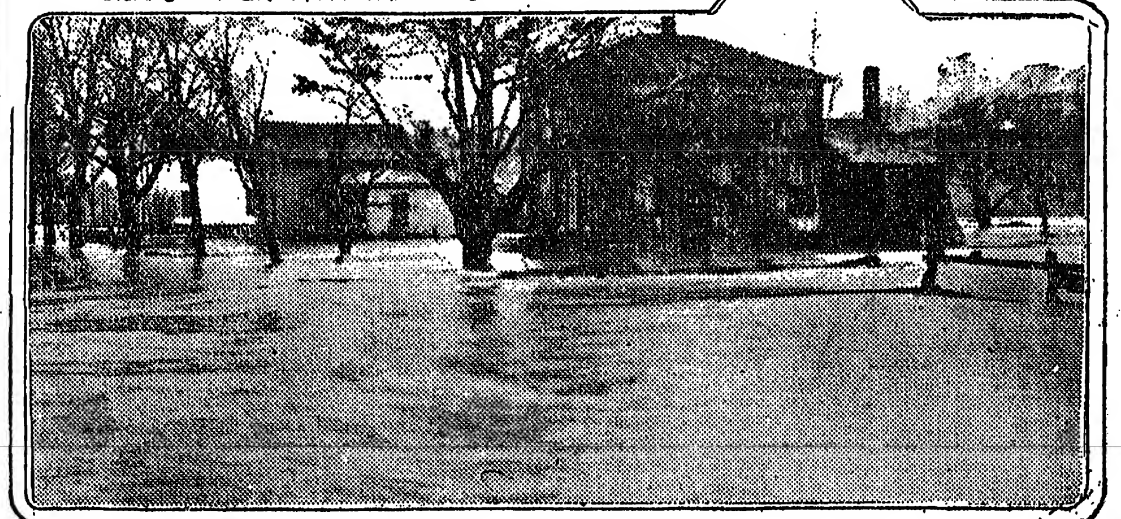
At noon yesterday we had enrolled 77 members, which means that only 23 more may join. Do not delay another day—you know in your heart how you hate the eternal drudgery of kitchen work. Now is the time to banish it forever.

BROWN BROS.
The Blue Store, 2040-50 Ontario

FLOOD SCENES IN PAINESVILLE AND VICINITY



GRAND RIVER ON A RAMPAGE



STREET SCENE IN PAINESVILLE

SPECIAL TO THE PLAIN DEALER.

PAINESVILLE, O., March 27.—Rowboat grocery and coal delivery was established on the flats here today when families in the flooded district of the Grand river needed provisions after braving the flood that has surrounded their homes to a depth of several feet since yesterday morning.

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STAFF SPECIAL.

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where they bodily fill could be relieved, where food and shelter waited, Columbus was caring for her own, caring for them as becomes a great city.

Pitiful in the extreme were the kitescapes pictures from down far into the night as relief was carried into the very heart of the wrecked, burned and flooded West Side.

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COLUMBUS KNOWN DEAD 66; EIGHTY MORE ARE MISSING

State Capital Prepares to Build Greater and Grander West Side on Ruin Wrought by Flames and Water.

City Recently Flooded is Surprised by Arrival of 1,000 Refugees From Dayton and Vicinity.

COLUMBUS, O., March 29.—With the search for the dead and the relief of survivors reduced to a system, the Columbus authorities tonight counted sixty-six bodies recovered from the flood waters of the West Side and all marooned survivors cared for.

Nearly everyone in the flooded area was offered an opportunity to reach ground by boat or by transfer wagons today. Many chose to remain in their flooded homes.

Out of the chaos and destruction, wrought by flood and flame, now is to be built a greater and grander West Side—one that not only will withstand the ravages of flood, but also become a center of attractiveness in a city filled with beautiful streets and costly homes. Already the spirit of progress is manifesting itself.

The tragedy of the last few days was being laid aside tonight for the work of restoration. Plans were being drawn and methods were being discussed that a repetition of the historic flood of March, 1913, may forever be prevented. Citizens who have incorporated their brain and muscle in making a greater Columbus are preparing to lend every energy in the rebuilding of Ohio's capital.

Will Build Upon Ruins.

"Though stunned by the great loss of life and property in the terrible disaster that has befallen our city, we already have glimpses of a better and greater Columbus being built over the ruins."

These were the words of Mayor George Korb tonight when asked about future plans.

"While we are still caring for the unfortunate victims of the flood and planning to assist them in regaining a foothold as good and independent citizens, we have not lost sight of the welfare of the general community, but have already started plans to effectually prevent a repetition of the disaster in future years."

The projects referred to by the mayor contemplate carrying out plans for diverting the course of the Scioto river channel as well as the building of a concrete levee lined by a great boulevard system that will become a part of the city's most beautiful drives.

Approximately 1,000 persons, refugees from the Dayton flood, arrived in Columbus today, most of them having made their way by automobile and train. As if pursued by tragedy, it fell to them that their landing place in this city should be within the radius of the recently flooded district.

Arrival of Dayton Refugees Unexpected.

The arrival of the refugees here was unexpected and no arrangements had been made to care for them. Acting Adjutant General John C. Speaks said the state would do the best that could be done to provide them with food and shelter. Gen. Speaks added that the relief committees here were being sorely taxed, but that he had been advised by the Columbus relief committees that they would give all possible assistance in housing and feeding the Dayton arrivals.

Hundreds of families were reunited today at the various relief stations throughout the city, and a mild, almost summer afternoon that graced the city lightened the weight of woe and desolation that has oppressed Columbus since the swollen Scioto burst its banks.

Aided by the balmy weather, the authorities succeeded in reaching the last flooded buildings in the flood area, where throughout the day the mop and broom were busy in the mud filled houses.

But the smiling skies looked down upon a gruesome scene where muddled death crews combed the soaking drifts of debris that extended for miles along the river. Steadily throughout the day the death list grew as body after body was dragged from the wreckage or fished from the swirling waters. In many cases the bodies were wedged so tightly in the drift that they were mutilated by the men who disentangled them. Several of those recovered were almost unrecognizable as a result of their trip through the battering debris.

The water, and the walls of mud that cemented the drifts hampered the work of the searchers and led the authorities to the conclusion that the last of the wreckage could not be adequately searched for weeks. It will be impossible to break apart the masses of debris until the water has receded and the mud has dried out.

Eighty Persons Reported Missing.

In addition to the death list the authorities compiled a list of about eighty persons who were missing from their families or neighbors. Some of these may be among the unidentified bodies, already found, or among the bodies yet to be recovered.

Simultaneously with the identification of three flood victims, an aged woman and a married couple, today came the story of how Wilbur Morris, 361 Glenwood-av., first fled from the onswelling waters to the hilltop, then waded back, waist deep, through the swift current and unsuccessfully begged Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Howard and Miss Cordelia A. Carrager, 74, to desert their home. They stoutly insisted that they were provisioned for a siege and that they were not afraid. All three met death.

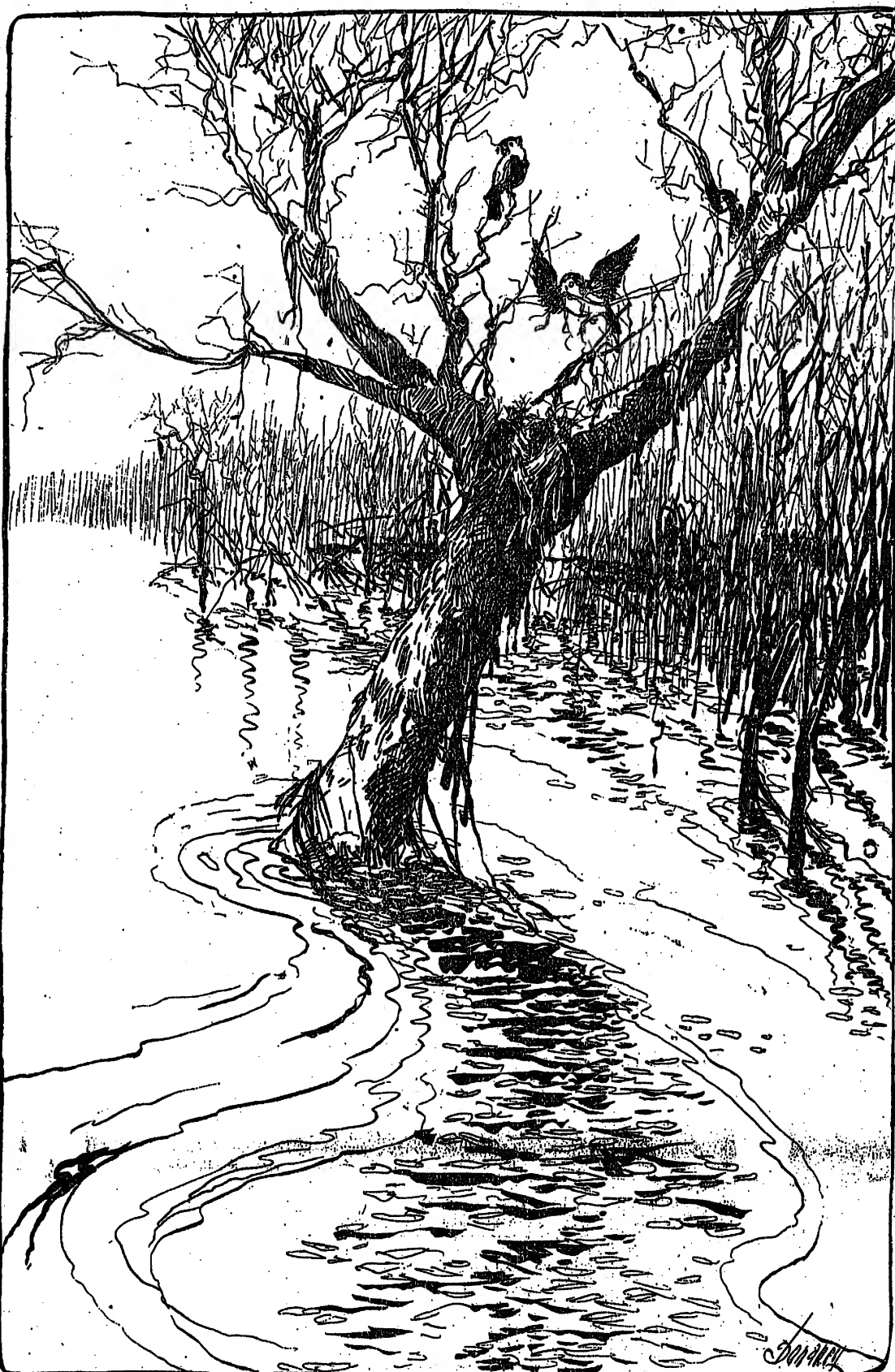
But here is the prize story of how one family prepared against starvation when the flood came up. It comes from the home of George Rolter, 71 Dakota-av. In the heart of the flooded West Side. When they saw the flood coming, they persuaded the family cow to enter the kitchen and shelter her upstairs where they gave her a private room. They also laid in a supply of corn and hay. Result—plenty of fresh milk and some to spare to the neighbors.

Another family took their chickens into the house and not only saved the chickens, but had plenty of fresh eggs.

Taken from a tree and supposed to be dead, C. A. Turney of 355 Glenwood-av. was removed to the temporary morgue at Greenlawn cemetery and laid with the corpses to await identification. A small boy standing by thought he detected a slight motion in Turney's body and called the doctor's attention to it. Restoratives were quickly applied and, after heroic work, Turney was returned to consciousness and taken to the home of friends.

Semi-conscious, his name beyond the pale of memory, a man of 70 was found today lying from illness and exposure in a house on the West Side. No one was found who could identify him, so he was taken to a hospital.

A tantalizing sight was accorded marooned flood victims when through the upper windows of their homes they saw thousands of pairs



Restoration.

ZANESVILLE CUTS FLOOD DEATH LIST

City Recovers One Body, Not More Than Fifteen Persons Being Lost.

Two Blocks of Houses Are Gone but No One in Them Died.

BY C. E. MOORE, STAFF SPECIAL.

ZANESVILLE, O., March 29.—As the waters slowly receded from Zanesville today, the cost in life and property of the most disastrous flood the Muskingum valley has ever known could be computed.

Careful survey of the still flooded portions of the city brought the estimate of the dead down to fifteen, with the most optimistic persons maintaining the list will contain names of no more than ten.

Tonight estimates of loss to industrial, city and other interests were \$17,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

R. C. Burton, president of the Zanesville chamber of commerce, placed damage to industries and residences at between \$6,000,000 and \$10,000,000. Loss to railways running into Zanesville was placed between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. Loss to the city itself in bridges that have been swept away and whole sections of pavement torn out by the terrific sweep of the flood is between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. The county lost more than \$2,000,000.

Starvation which had faced two sections of Zanesville for the last two days was relieved today by a deluge of provisions. Whole trainloads of supplies from neighboring cities, towns and the countryside in general came by train, boat, wagon and hand to three hills on the outskirts of the city to which the refugees have been driven.

Waters Fell Fifteen Feet.

With the flood having dropped eight feet in one day, Zanesville faces the most serious problem of all, that of cleaning up. Arrival of twelve additional companies of the National Guard from two directions, bringing

FLOOD TOLL

IN DAYTON, O.

Charles Parker, liverman.
Mrs. Lucy Abel, aged 59.
Anton Smetell, grocer.
Mrs. Smetell.
Lauker, patrolman.
Mrs. Bish, aged 45.
Florence Bish, aged 27.
Viola Bish.
Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Schmidt's daughter.
John Haddock, militiaman.
James Hony, militiaman.
George Morgenthaler.
J. N. Haverstick, Bell phone man.
J. C. Haupt, police operator.
Mrs. Haupt.
Three Haupt children.
Mrs. Collins Bowen.
Lillie Alderman.
Mrs. Schmidt.
Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Schmidt's daughter.
Mrs. Carrie Schatz.
Mrs. Thompson.
Anton Smetell.
George Richardson, state employment bureau.
Mrs. Trice and daughter.
Jessie Mosley, negroess.
John E. Garber.
Ollie Seattle.
Arthur Smetell.
Mrs. Smetell, patrolman.
Carl Duer, aged 65.
Mrs. Smetell.
Christian Herberle, aged 35.
J. N. Haverstick.
Mrs. Haverstick.
Dorothy Alderman.
Mrs. Lillian Tingley, aged 44.
Mrs. Schuch.
Mrs. Bohn, aged 40.
Charles Potter.
Anton Smetell.
Six Potter children.
Alexander Ford.
Mrs. Smetell.
Mrs. Smetell.
Mrs. James Wallace.
W. S. Cupp.
Christ Polk.
Virginia Snyder.
Howard Snyder.
John Blitz.
Mrs. Young.
H. B. Hawkes.
Frankie Scott, 5 years old.
John Snow McConnell.

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REPORT MANY SAFE IN FLOODED REGION

Answers to Plain Dealer Inquiries for Friends' Commence to Come.

Difficulty of Communication Makes Work Extremely Hard.

Re-establishment of communication with the stricken parts of Ohio, and the activity of Plain Dealer correspondents in the flooded cities, is bringing response to inquiries made here for people in the districts that were in danger.

"Safe," has been the reply to every query answered up to date. The list of replies seems small in comparison with the total list of inquiries made. But the flooded cities are all disorder and confusion. People have moved hastily from place to place. Some districts are still inaccessible now.

Every communication facility still is in worse condition than ever before. Telegraph, telephone, steam and electric railway, even automobile and vehicle service, all are just beginning to be possibilities again as methods of communicating with the

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CLEVELAND FOLK SAFE IN OMAHA.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer yesterday notified through its Omaha correspondent that, so far as a careful investigation reveals, every one of the Clevelanders, friends and relatives of Clevelanders, for whom inquiry had been made here, had escaped death in the tornado which swept the Nebraska city Easter Sunday.

Scores had lost their homes, or had suffered serious property losses, while many were outside of the zone struck by the twister.

The inability of telegraph companies to get Chicago and western connection early in the week had delayed the news which brought relief from fear to so many.

The Plain Dealer found it necessary to send its lists of the names of those for whom inquiry had been made to the Chicago manager of the Postal Telegraph & Cable Co. by mail. He put them through to the Omaha Bee. Representatives of the Bee made specific inquiry in every instance, and reported no loss of life among those for whose welfare Clevelanders feared.

DAYTON BEGINS WORK OF REHABILITATION AS HELP REACHES HER FROM EVERY SIDE

TWO STATES' DEAD.

OHIO.

Estimated.	Known.
Dayton	150 87
Columbus	145 66
Hamilton	100 91
Piqua	25 13
Troy	25 9
Delaware	21 14
Zanesville	15 10
Chillicothe	15 15
Fremont	14 3
Middletown	12 7
Harrison	12 12
Coshocton	10 8
Valley Junction	6 6
Franklin	4 4
Van Wert	3 3
Venice	3 3
Massillon	3 3
Cleves	2 2
New Bethlehem	2 2

Totals

Minor loss of life has occurred at SIDNEY, MASSILLON, AKRON, Tiffin, Miamisburg, Newark, Mansfield, Canton and many smaller places.

INDIANA.

	Known
Peru	20
Brookville	16
Ft. Wayne	6
Terre Haute	4
Washington	4
Frankfort	2

Total

Other Indiana towns each reporting one death: LOGANSPORT, RUSHVILLE, MUNCIE, WEST INDIAN, APODIA, LAZARUS, NEW CARMEL, SHELVILLE.

BULLETINS

LAWRENCEBURG

JUNCTION, Ind., March 29.—The south levee at Lawrenceburg broke at 2:50 this afternoon. A wall of water poured through the opening and went through the center of the town, tearing all before it. Houses were crushed and the wreckage was carried four miles along the Miami bottoms to a railroad fill. The residents, warned yesterday, had left town, so no lives were lost.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March

29.—Advices from Drinkwater, Mo., late today report the water passing over the levee at the same point where a break in the embankment occurred last February. The water from this overflow will flood a large portion of southeast Missouri and will return to the Mississippi river, a short distance above New Madrid. This probably will relieve the pressure of the water at Cairo for the present.

COLUMBUS, O., March

30.—The Norfolk & Western received word here this morning that the Bell Telephone building at Portsmouth had collapsed and that a serious fire was raging in the city. Efforts to communicate with Portsmouth have been futile.

CINCINNATI, March 30.

—Huntington, W. Va., has been cut off from the world by Ohio river floods. Catlettsburg, Ky., below Huntington, is inundated.

City Commences Task of Setting Herself in Order Even Before Rescuers Have Finished Search of Her Streets.

Relief Committees Call for Bottled Drinking Water and Supplies Needed to Prevent Outbreak of Disease.

BY WILLIAM HOSTER.

BY PLAIN DEALER'S LEASED WIRE.

DAYTON, O., March 29.—The full extent of the Dayton horror became known today. The dead will number about 200, though some of the estimates run as high as 500.

The water is receding, the fires have been extinguished and the worst is over.

There is comparatively little suffering and no destitution. Dayton, with the assistance that is pouring in from the outside world, is managing heroically.

The property loss will mount into the millions—\$20,000,000 would be a conservative estimate.

Do not believe, however, because the loss of life is falling mercifully short of the first estimates, that Dayton has not been through a series of horrors which might well stagger any community. In the past few days the pretty Ohio city has run the gamut of what all the elements, in their most violent mood, may wreak upon humanity; and to this has been added the worst passions of the human animal.

Seven Looters Shot Down by Militia.

There is to be told the story of seven looters shot down by Ohio militiamen while in the act of robbing the dead. There are other looting stories to be told. Fifty looters have been thrown into prison.

A goodly portion of the town remains unscathed by either flood or fire, but for all that, a good mile and a half of the best portion of Dayton has been devastated and will have to be rebuilt. It is the center of the city that suffered most.

Contrary to what has been said, the levees did not break, nor did the dam give way. It seems to have been a case of simple overflowing of the Miami and the Mad rivers—appropriately named—which came together in the northern outskirts of the city. But behind these two rivers was the pent-up force of hundreds of small streams swollen by the steady downpour of rain.

How well Dayton is managing is shown by the fact that today, before the work of rescue was at an end and the search for dead ended, the city began her rehabilitation. The all important weather showed improvement as viewed by refugees, for it was warmer and therefore pleasant to frost and water-chilled bones.

But the sanitary experts accepted the rise in temperature with mixed feelings, for the cold had retarded the decomposition of animal matter and refuse.

Secretary of War Garrison conferred with several officials and heads of committees, wired President Wilson that the death list would not reach 500, and otherwise epitomized the situation, and departed for Cincinnati after a fitting view of the city from an automobile. It is probable that he will go to Columbus tomorrow. W. B. Blackwell, in charge of morgues, estimates the dead at 250.

Committees Call for Bottled Water.

Members of the citizens' relief committee are apprehensive of a water famine. It is believed there is little chance that the present supply can be made to last until the mains are in full use again. R. H. Grant, head of the relief supplies committee, tonight issued an appeal to all cities in the country asking that as much bottled water as possible be shipped to Dayton immediately. It is especially desired that this water be strictly pure, as it is practically impossible to boil the water for drinking purposes.

Dr. William Colby Rucker, assistant surgeon general of the United States public health service, who came here from Washington at the direction of the secretary of the treasury with Surgeon General Rupert Blue, tonight gave the following outline of the sanitary condition existing in the city:

"A survey of condition in Dayton today shows that the sanitary situation is not so bad as was at first thought. Citizens have been warned to boil all drinking water and to bury refuse. City water is now flowing under twenty-pound pressure. Sewers in some sections are again in operation. The city expects to have others working tomorrow."

Medical supplies were reported woefully short by Maj. T. V. Dupuy, in charge of sanitary and medical work. Drug stocks here were largely destroyed and the medical chests of the militia, as well as supplies sent by other cities, in many instances have been delayed by wash-outs and other mishaps of the flood. However, a train load of supplies is expected soon from Washington. Several cars of lime have reached the city and many more are en route from different points. A car load of ambulance supplies is on the way from Cincinnati.

The activity of certain undertakers called forth the wrath of Maj. Dupuy, who issued a statement in which he called them "ghouls" for their feverish activity in seeking out bodies and, it is charged, sometimes burying them without making report to the authorities. He declared that they were "trying to work a hold-up game on helpless friends and relatives of those who have lost their lives."

Conductors Refuse to Pass Sightseers.

Chairmen of the several committees were unanimous today in asking that word be spread broadcast that mere sightseeing visitors are not wanted here. The railroads have been informed of this attitude and conductors are refusing to accept passengers who cannot show that their presence here is necessary. There were